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Move-in Deals to Jump For

Buildings lure renters with signing incentives, but which are worth it?

Apartment-Hunting

Moving is expensive. Just ask civil engineer Amy Park, who recently funded her own move from Dallas to D.C. for a new job. When the Ellicott House apartment complex in Van Ness (4849 Connecticut Ave. NW, 888-849-1201, Ellicottliving.com) offered to waive her security deposit and move-in fee, plus take $185 a month off the $1,925 rent for a one-bedroom apartment, Park jumped at the deal.

"It helped me out a lot to not have those upfront expenses," says Park, 44. "And I probably would have kept looking if I'd had to pay $1,925 a month."

More and more apartment complexes are offering incentives like these to get prospective tenants in the door. Waived fees, free parking, or one-month's free rent are common deal-sweeteners. Tenants

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A Home Of Your Very Own

Despite the higher costs, renters are ditching their roommates to live solo

Lifestyle

In February, Mandy Stahl, 29, moved out of her room in a newly renovated row house in Mt. Pleasant that had three outdoor decks and ample space. The living arrangement was about as good as it gets with roommates. Stahl, who oversees digital strategy for the American Association of Executives, lived with three friends — all of whom she knew before moving in (no randoms from Craigslist) — and her portion of the rent was $840, including utilities. Why did she give all that up to pay hundreds more in rent?

Simple. Stahl wanted to live alone.

FEATURE STORY

Fresh advice on finding a place in the D.C. area. Learn how to negotiate lower rent, snag move-in incentives, keep a four-legged friend happy in a small space, solve common renters' problems and more.

What can you get for your money in different parts of D.C., Maryland and Virginia? We find apartments in the same price range and compare their pros and cons.

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an increase of 1 percent for two-bedrooms, according to real estate website HotPads.

In February, the average rent for a studio in the District was $1,682 (it was $1,899 for a one-bedroom). But prices vary dramatically by neighborhood. Expect to pay $2,037 for a studio in upscale Dupont Circle. If you're willing to move a bit north to, say, Mt. Pleasant, you'll pay half that — studios there go for, on average, $1,025. And in the Catholic University/Brookland area, studio rental prices dip to $985 on average.

Even if you steer clear of the priciest areas (Georgetown, Foggy Bottom, Logan Circle, Mt. Vernon Square, to name a few), living solo will still mean taking on a new bundle of expenses. In a city where the average household pays $52 a month for electricity and more than $200 a month for natural gas, according to the White Fence Index, which measures utility prices, just keeping your lights on and your apartment warm can become a huge financial drain.

Having utilities included in her rent helped soften the blow for Stahl. She also made some lifestyle adjustments.

"I won't have a DVR in my new place. And I put myself on a break from buying new clothes because I knew this move was going to be a financial hit," she says.

To afford his real estate fantasy of living alone, Will Gordon, 29, a graphic designer, is pinching pennies. At the end of February, Gordon moved to Columbia Heights, where he's paying $1,200 a month for a one-bedroom, a steep increase from the $800 he was paying to live

manager at Cheesetique, a specialty cheese bar in Del Ray, knew she had to move out of her townhouse in Burke the night her roommate came home drunk and interrupted her studying. Devilliers didn't bat an eye at upping her monthly rent from $750 to $1,200 to live alone in Alexandria.

"For peace and quiet, it's totally worth it," she says. HANNAH HELLRIGEL (FOR EXPRESS)

PRICE POINT COMPARING RENTAL PRICES IN AND AROUND THE DISTRICT $1,500 to $2,000

Foggy Bottom
Studio: 1101 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Apt. 814

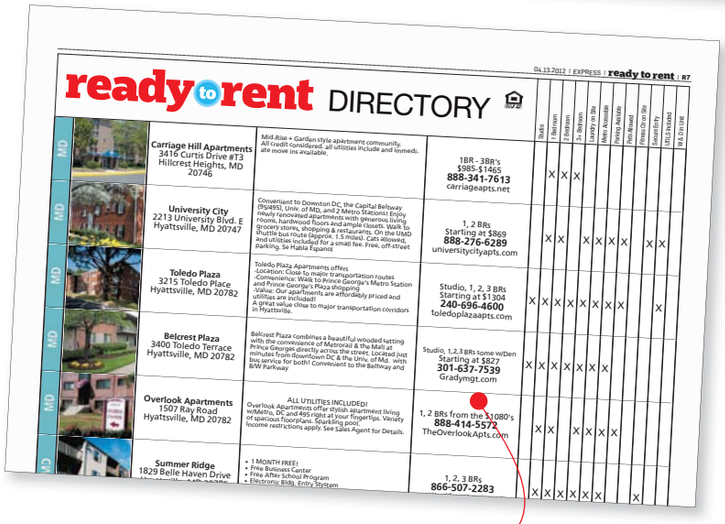
$1,700

This sunny, 400-square-foot studio has a balcony (though it looks out onto a brick facade), walk-in closet and maple sink. Its kitchen is a little lacking — the appliances are new but there is no dishwasher and counter space is limited. The 1960s building retains some of its quirks (like the strange faux-marble statue in the lobby). There is a full-time desk attendant, a workout room and a rooftop pool. The location couldn't be better — the Savoy is walking distance from Dupont Circle and a short ride to Georgetown. (LISTED ON URBAN NS.COM)

Alexandria
3 bedroom: 5421 Sheffield Court, Apt. 212, Alexandria

$1,600

From the outside, the low-rise buildings at Lyttrock and Meadow Creek look a little dowdy. But what they lack in cool, they make up for in comfort. This plush, spacious, three-bedroom has thick carpets and freshly painted walls. The kitchen is a bit cramped, but the appliances are new. And the patio and living room provide more than enough common space. Then there are the amenities, including swimming pools (three), tennis courts, a gym and free Internet. Residents can walk to a shopping center for groceries but need to take a car (or a free shuttle) to the Metro. (LISTED ON URBAN NS.COM)
AMANDA BRICKSON (FOR EXPRESS)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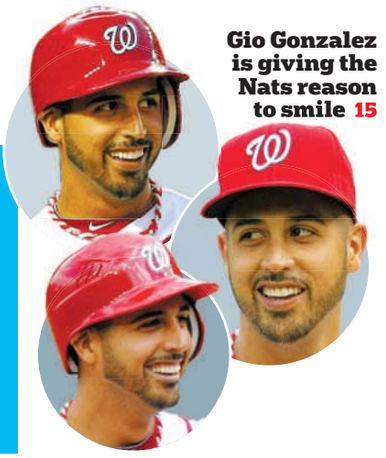

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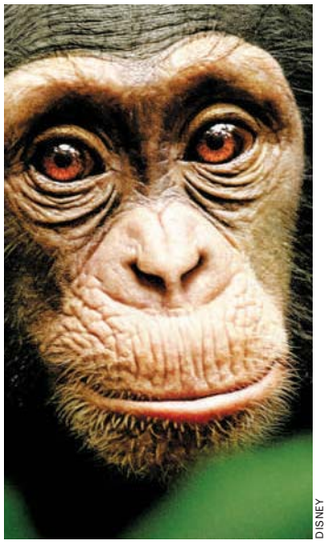

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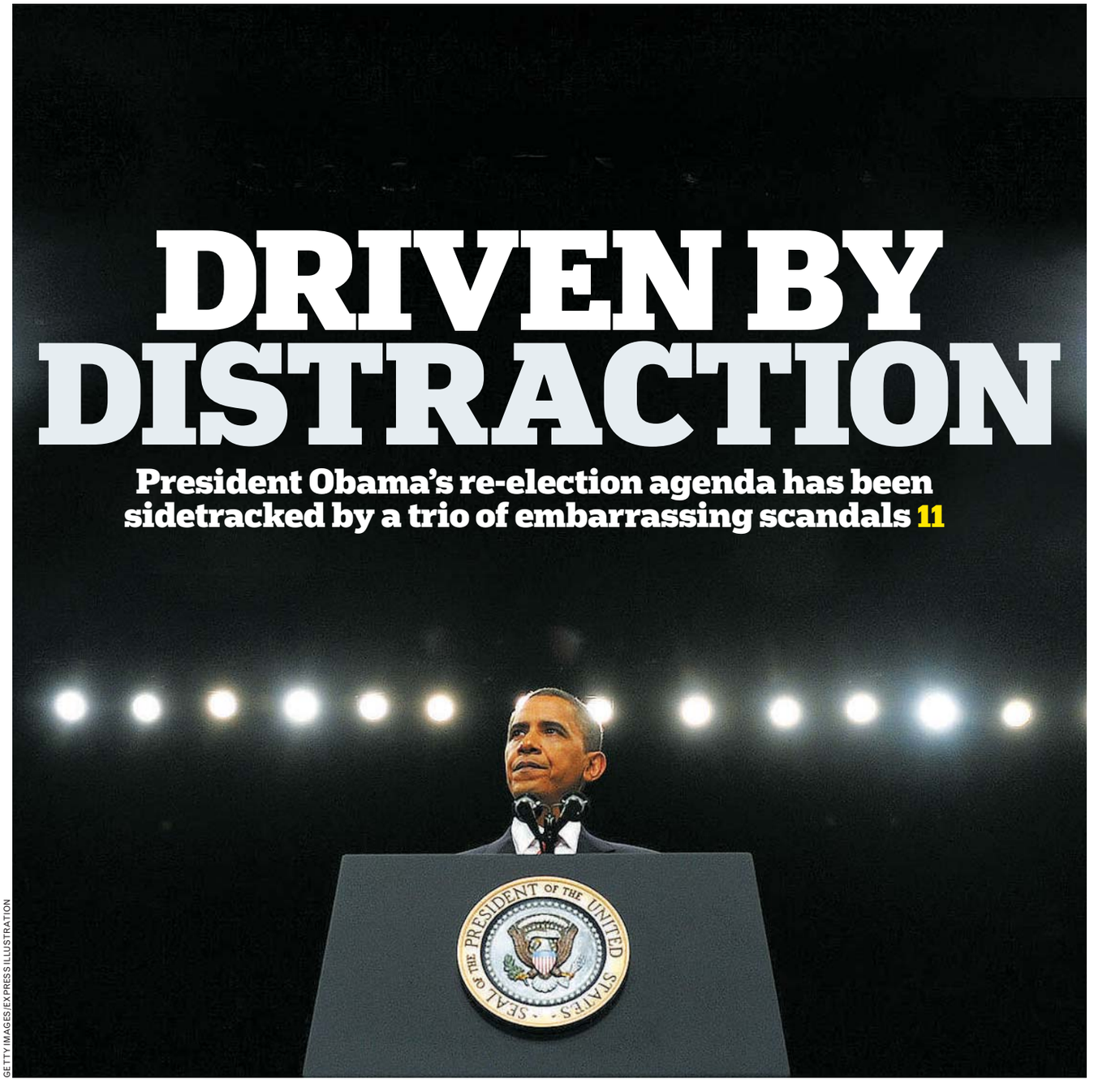

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MISBEHAVIOR

Parents Relieved Password Is All Their Kids Swapped

Dozens of students at Berkeley High School are facing suspension or expulsion after school officials say they got into a computer system and changed their attendance records. Principal Pasquale Scuderi said 50 students will be suspended and two or three expelled. Some students obtained an administrative password to the system and then sold it to other students. (AP)

BRANDING

'Unhygienic Illegitimate Son' Won't Sell Nearly as Well

You can buy Fat Bastard wine in Alabama, but you'll have to go elsewhere for Dirty Bastard beer. The state alcoholic beverage control agency said Thursday it has banned Dirty Bastard beer because of profanity on its label. Board attorney Bob Martin says Fat Bastard was approved years ago, and he doesn't know why. (AP)

SMARTS

Judge to Research Scientist: You Had Me at 'dx = v(t) dt'

A University of California San Diego scientist was able to use math and physics to argue his way out of a $400 traffic ticket. Dmitri Krioukov successfully appealed his failure-to-stop ticket by explaining that it may have appeared to an officer that Krioukov didn't stop when he actually did. The explanation is posted online for anyone to read and use. (AP)

The Big Picture

STEVEN SENNE/AP

TAKING FALL FASHION A BIT TOO LITERALLY: A model shows off a look by Ted Baker London on Thursday as he rappels down a 24-story side of the new Revere Hotel Boston Common during a show held to mark the opening of the newly renovated hotel. Rock climbers and dancers modeled creations by the designer in the vertical fashion show.

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Fish Ailing Near BP Oil Spill Site

Lesions, infections turning up in small number of wildlife

Barataria Bay, La.

Two years after the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded and sank in the Gulf of Mexico, touching off the worst offshore spill in U.S. history, research into the disaster's environmental effects is turning up ailing fish that bear hallmarks of diseases tied to petroleum and other pollutants.

Those illnesses don't pose an increased health threat to humans, scientists say, but the problems could be devastating to prized species such as grouper and red snapper, and to the people who make their living catching them.

There's no saying for sure what's causing the diseases in what's still a relatively small percentage of the fish, because the scientists have no baseline data on sick fish in the Gulf from before the spill to form a frame of reference. The first comprehensive research may be years from publication. And the Gulf is assaulted with all kinds of contaminants every day.

All of this has biologists — and many fishermen — worried.

James Cowan, a reef fish expert at Louisiana State University doing long-term sampling for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, received his first report of fish with what looked like ulcers in November 2010. He began reading up on what scientific literature was available on oil spills and fish.

"There is so much in the literature that links exposure to PAHs [the compounds in oil] to exactly what we are seeing: sicknesses, lesions and everything else," Cowan said.

Even if oil could be pinpointed as a contaminant, however, it's difficult to definitively tie it to BP's Macondo well. The Gulf is littered with natural oil seeps, pipelines and oil wells and pollution from passing ships. In addition, there are the discharge of the Mississippi River, salinity and temperature fluctuations and other ecological factors to consider. CAIN BURDEAU (AP)

DONALD WATERS/AP

Unusual lesions and infections plague the head of a fish caught in the Gulf in 2011.

"Some of the things I've seen over the past year or so I've never seen before."

— **WILL PATTERSON,** A MARINE BIOLOGIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA AND AT THE DAUPHIN ISLAND SEA LAB, REFERRING TO THE LESIONS AND DISEASE FOUND ON FISH IN THE GULF.

Damage Done

For scientists, finding diseased and damaged fish is in step with what researchers have been turning up all over the Gulf two years after the spill: The oil disaster whacked the Gulf. In the past year, research has emerged showing deep-water corals, seaweed beds, inshore bait fish, dolphins and other species were injured by the spill. (AP)

Secret Weapon: Do not be fooled by the cookie-baking wife of Republican candidate Mitt Romney. Many Republicans and Democrats see Ann Romney as an effective political weapon. And as the general election spotlight burns brighter, the Romney campaign is leveraging her ability to connect with voters in a way her husband cannot. Already, she is becoming a fundraising powerhouse and chief aggressor in her husband's push to court women. (AP)

In Brief

NEW YORK

NYC Basement Searched For Boy Missing Since '79

Etan Patz

Police and FBI agents began tearing apart a New York City basement Thursday as part of a decades-old investigation into the disappearance of 6-year-old Etan Patz, who vanished in 1979. His face was among the first to appear on milk cartons. (AP)

PENSACOLA, FLA.

Plane Sinks Into Gulf; No Signal From Pilot

Coast Guard crews saw no signs Thursday that the pilot of a small plane survived when his Cessna went down in the Gulf of Mexico about three hours after two F-15 fighter jets tried to make contact with him. Rescue efforts were en route but not expected to arrive before the plane was well submerged. (AP)

CLEVELAND

16 Amish Plead Not Guilty In Ohio Beard Attacks

Sixteen men and women pleaded not guilty Thursday in beard- and hair-cutting attacks against fellow Amish in Ohio. A feud over church discipline allegedly led to the attacks. The act is considered deeply offensive in Amish culture. (AP)

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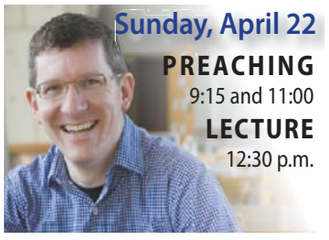

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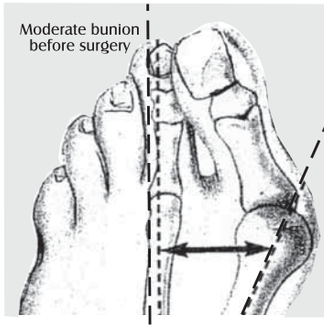

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Zimmerman Could Make Bail

Lawyer to ask judge to allow shooter to leave area on Friday

Orlando, Fla.

After spending a week alone in a jail cell, the neighborhood watch volunteer charged with murdering Trayvon Martin stands a good chance of being granted bail Friday, despite the severity of the second-degree murder charge he faces.

Whether George Zimmerman is allowed to leave the county as he awaits trial — and how he would remain safe — are two questions likely to be at the center of the hearing at the Seminole County Criminal Justice Center, legal experts said.

"Although it's not routine for people charged with murder to get bond, they do get bond," said defense attorney Randy McClean, who practices in Seminole County, about 15 miles northeast of Orlando.

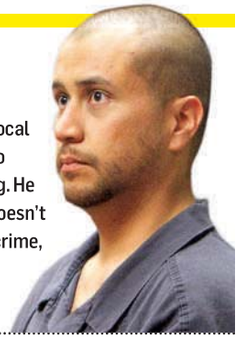
Zimmerman's safety weighed on the mind of his defense attorney right after he took on the case last week. Mark O'Mara indicated he would ask that Zimmerman be allowed to leave the area, if he is granted bond, because of those concerns. "I want him to be safe," O'Mara said.

There is only so much that law enforcement can do to help protect Zimmerman, though, if he is released from jail, said Michael Grieco, a former Miami-Dade County prosecutor who is now in private practice.

"The irony is that the only safe place for him, considering the current atmosphere surrounding the case, is protective custody within the jail system," Grieco said.

Even if he is granted bond, his family may not be able to afford it, given that it generally can range from $10,000 to $100,000 for a second-degree murder charge. CURT ANDERSON AND MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)

Working in His Favor



George Zimmerman has several factors that could help him in making bond. He has ties to the local community, including relatives who are expected to testify by telephone on his behalf at Friday's hearing. He turned himself in voluntarily, a good indication he doesn't pose a flight risk. He has never been convicted of a crime, which suggests that he doesn't pose a threat to society, legal experts said. (AP)

CDC: 2011 Was Worst Measles Year Since 1996

Atlanta

Last year was the worst year for measles in the U.S. in 15 years, health officials said Thursday.

There were 222 cases of measles, a large jump from the 60 or so seen in a typical year. Most of the cases last year were imported.

"For those of you traveling abroad, bring back memories and not measles," said Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which issued the report Thursday.

In a typical year, there are 50 to 60 cases of measles. The previous worst year was 1996, with 508 cases. (AP)

Oklahoma City Bombing Remembered

SUE OGROCKI/AP

JENNIFER WALKER stands at the chair commemorating her father, David Jack Walker, with her children, Walker, left, and Graecin, in the Field of Chairs at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, following the 17th annual Remembrance Ceremony Thursday in Oklahoma City.

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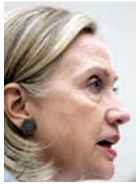
World

In Brief

PARIS

Clinton Presses U.N. To Get Tougher on Syria



Clinton

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called Thursday for the U.N. Security Council to adopt a global arms embargo and other tough measures against Syria if the country fails to abide by a truce designed to end 13 months of bloodshed. Still, she stopped short of calling for outside military intervention in Syria. (AP)

SAO PAULO

Police: 5 Deaths Added To Cannibalism Probe

The trio accused of killing at least two women and eating their body parts may have killed another five people in northeastern Brazil, police said Thursday. A man and two women were arrested last week for allegedly killing two women and using their flesh in stuffed pastries that they sold to neighbors. (AP)

Hearsay

"The only way to put an end to such painful experiences is through an accelerated and full transition of security responsibilities."

— **AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI,** ON THURSDAY CALLING FOR A QUICKER EXIT OF INTERNATIONAL FORCES FROM HIS COUNTRY IN LIGHT OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF U.S. TROOPS POSING WITH THE BLOODIED REMAINS OF MILITANTS.

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Police study the debris left after double car bombings in Ramadi, Iraq. Nearly a dozen such blasts struck the country Thursday.

Blasts Rip Through Iraq

10 cities hit in wave of deadly bombings, shattering brief calm

Baghdad

Bombs tore through 10 Iraqi cities Thursday, killing at least 30 people and shattering a month of relative calm. Minority lawmakers decried the violence as a tragic but inevitable result of the Shiite-led government's attempts to dominate Iraqi politics.

Despite simmering sectarian tensions, a lull in attacks since mid-March led many to hope Iraq had turned a corner and away from widespread violence, at least until 14 bombs and mortar shells exploded across 10 cities over three hours. At least 117 people were wounded, police said.

"This is security in Iraq," a man in Baghdad muttered sarcastically as he inspected damage to his car after a vehicle exploded nearby.

In Baghdad alone, 12 people were killed, mostly in Shiite neighborhoods. Other cities hit included Samarra, where a 2006 mosque bombing touched off the worst of the insurgency, and Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit. Six bombings struck at security forces and government officials.

Downward Trend

Overall, attacks have dropped sharply nationwide since Iraq threatened to dissolve into civil war five years ago. Violence recently waned since the run-up to the Arab League summit that was held in Baghdad at the end of March. But bombings and deadly shootings across Iraq are still common. (AP)

"What crime have we committed? How long will such violence continue?"

— **A WOMAN,** WHO WOULD ONLY IDENTIFY HERSELF BY HER NICKNAME OF UM ALI, CRYING OUT THURSDAY AFTER A CAR BOMBING IN WESTERN BAGHDAD.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but a Baghdad military spokesman said they resembled the work of al-Qaeda.

Sunni and Kurdish lawmakers said the bombings likely were the result of a political impasse that has all but paralyzed Iraq since U.S. forces withdrew in December. They said bickering over a stalled power-sharing deal with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, has opened the door to violence.

Abdullah Hussein, an adviser to al-Maliki, stopped short of tying the political impasse to Thursday's violence, describing them as "definitely a terrorist act."

While there is no indication that Iraq will return to the brink of war, without political harmony the country is more likely to limp along for years with occasional wide-scale violence. LARA JAKES (AP)

U.N. Chief Urges Sudans to Prevent Renewal of War

Juba, South Sudan

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged Sudan and South Sudan on Thursday to step back from the brink of war and return to the negotiating table.

"This is not the time for war," Ban said.

On the ground, the South reported new skirmishes and Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir increased his threats of war, adding that the South has "revived the spirit of jihad" in Sudan.

The Arab League said Thursday it would hold an emergency meeting next week over the increasing violence between Sudan and South Sudan.

South Sudan broke away from Sudan last year, but the two countries never fully agreed where their shared border lay.

The two countries have seen a sharp increase in violence in recent weeks, especially around the oil-producing town of Heglig. South Sudan said it had repulsed four attacks from Sudan over a 24-hour period as fighting showed no signs of slowing. (AP)

"These people don't understand, and we will give them the final lesson by force. We will not give them an inch of our country."

— **OMAR HASSAN AL-BASHIR,** SUDAN'S PRESIDENT, ON THURSDAY THREATENING TO RENEW WAR WITH ITS NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTH, SOUTH SUDAN, ACCORDING TO A TRANSLATION.

TRAVEL

Lofty Achievement

A Slovenian pilot on Thursday completed a 62,000-mile journey around the world in a fuel-saving ultralight plane, claiming to be the first to do so without a co-pilot. Matevz Lenarcic's trip began Jan. 8 in a Virus-SW914 plane, which can fly more than 2,400 miles on 92 gallons. (AP)

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World

INDIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE/AP

India tests a new long-range missile Thursday on Wheeler Island, off its east coast.

Few Critics Emerge In India Missile Test

Response indicates acceptance of nation as a nuclear power

New Delhi

India's successful test of a powerful missile that can carry nuclear weapons to Beijing caused barely a ripple — even in China — just days after North Korea was globally vilified for a failed rocket launch.

The vastly different responses show the world has grown to accept India as a responsible and stable nuclear power, while shunning North Korea as a pariah.

"It's not the spear, but who holds the spear that matters," said Rahul Bedi, a defense analyst in India.

The muted response to Thursday's test underscores how far India has come in gaining acceptance for its nuclear program.

India was clear from the start that it was testing a nuclear-capable missile that could reach major Chinese cities. Yet officials said the missile test should not be seen as a threat because India has a no-first-use policy and its missiles were used only for deterrence.

The Agni-V missile, with a range of 3,100 miles, still requires a battery of tests and must clear other bureaucratic hurdles before it can be inducted into India's arsenal in a few years. RAVI NESSMAN (AP)

In Comparison

North Korea insisted its rocket launch on Sunday was merely part of a civilian space program, but the U.S. and other countries called it a thin excuse to test technology for a long-range missile fitted with a nuclear warhead. While the rocket broke apart soon after takeoff, the condemnation of its launch was swift. The U.S. canceled a plan to send food aid, and the U.N. Security Council announced it would impose new sanctions. (AP)

Hearsay

"It would be an honor for me to be one of the citizens who were banned from entering Britain."

— **GEN. MOWAFFAK JOUMAA,** THE HEAD OF SYRIA'S OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, ON THURSDAY BRUSHING OFF A WARNING FROM THE U.K. THAT HE COULD BE BANNED FROM ATTENDING THE LONDON GAMES BECAUSE OF HIS TIES TO PRESIDENT BASHAR ASSAD.

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Obama tries to stick to his agenda, pushing past 3 scandals

Washington

It isn't Mitt Romney who's giving Barack Obama fits as the president pivots to re-election mode. It's those federal bureaucrats carousing in Las Vegas, the Secret Service consorting with Colombian prostitutes and U.S. soldiers posing with bloody enemy corpses.

The scandals are taking a toll. They are distracting embarrassments that are dominating public attention while Obama seeks to focus on difficulties abroad and jobs at home. And they are giving Republicans an opportunity to question his competence and leadership, an opening for Romney in a race so close that any advantage might make a difference.

Even if the Democratic president escapes being defined by these flare-ups, they still feed a story line that can erode public confidence in Washington, fuel a perception of federal excess and frustrate Obama's argument that government can be a force for good.

The White House response has been textbook — a mix of outrage and deflection.

But the events have overwhelmed Obama's agenda. The Secret Service scandal broke while Obama was in Cartagena last weekend for a meeting of Western leaders. Back home, the headlines hardly focused on the summit, instead playing up the fact that 11 Secret Service agents and uniformed officers had been sent home on accusations of misconduct.

By the time Obama got home, General Services Administration officials were appearing before congressional committees about a lavish Las Vegas conference and junkets to resorts.

Obama's attempts to draw attention to his efforts against oil market manipulation on Tuesday and to help the economy on Wednesday were drowned out by further Secret Service revelations and by the publication of gruesome photos depicting GIs with the bodies of Afghan insurgents.

> **"Presidents are to be held responsible."**
>
> — **SEN. JEFF SESSIONS,** R-ALA.

"Even though you may not be losing ground because it's not the White House taking the hits, you're no longer gaining ground because the White House doesn't get its message out," said Ari Fleischer, a former spokesman for President George W. Bush.

Obama quickly tried to put distance between himself and the accounts of misbehavior.

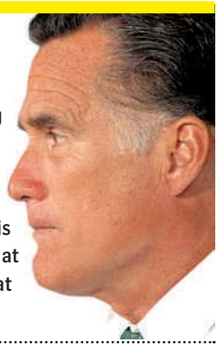
White House spokesmen avoided specifics, instead citing investigations under way and referring reporters to the Secret Service, the GSA or the Pentagon.

But the president can't turn his back on the problems, and is ultimately held responsible for restoring agencies' reputations.

"Part of the president's job is to protect the institutions of government," said Paul Light, a professor of public service at New York University. "He is administrator in chief whether he likes it or not."

JIM KUHNHENN (AP)

Romney Treads Lightly



This week, Mitt Romney has been nuanced in discussing the Secret Service, though he urged firing agency employees caught in the incident involving prostitutes in Colombia. The likely GOP nominee has also called the GSA "embarrassing" to the Obama administration and stressed that leadership is set at the top. Still, his criticism seemed aimed more at painting a bloated government than as a direct shot at President Obama. (AP)

Triple Trouble

Three scandals that have erupted sully the reputation of several Washington institutions, as well as that of President Obama's:

1 **The Secret Service prostitution scandal** has damaged an institution whose public image has been upright and heroic. The agency has moved quickly to quell the scandal that erupted late last week, when at least some of the 11 agency employees implicated in the incident brought prostitutes back to their hotel in Cartagena, Colombia, where they were setting up security for a visit by President Obama. The service said Wednesday that three people have lost their jobs in the fallout so far, and a top lawmaker briefed on the investigation, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said Thursday that more firings could be imminent. Sen. Chuck Grassley, the senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he thought more people would be fired within "just a few days." Meanwhile, the White House expressed renewed confidence Thursday in the director of the Secret Service, Mark Sullivan.

2 **The GSA's $823,000 Las Vegas conference,** with gourmet food and a mind reader, has given the GOP an angle to attack government bloat. Some have likened the episode to Solyndra, a firm touted by the Obama administration that received a federal loan but later declared bankruptcy. "It's an example, talking about the GSA, of what's wrong with government," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman. "It gives them some ammunition."

3 **The release of photographs** this week that purport to show U.S. soldiers with the bodies of Afghan insurgents is the latest controversy to hit the military — others include burning Muslim holy books and an alleged massacre of 17 Afghans. Those images and accounts come as public support for continuing the U.S. combat presence in Afghanistan is waning and as Obama works to negotiate an exit strategy with Afghanistan. (AP)

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Money Train

My D.C. commemorative Mega Millions ticket wasn't worth a cent, so I'm pinning my hopes on another lottery: the Metro survey. Through May 25, randomly selected riders at all 86 stations will be asked to answer a few questions about their current trips — and a handful of these people will win SmarTrip cards.

By Vicky Hallett

Free commutes can't quite compare to more than half a billion dollars, but I'd still like to win. I bet you would too. That's why I want to suggest to Metro that this promotion doesn't have to stop when the survey period is over. What if every time you swipe a fare card, you're entered into a drawing?

Millions of people were willing to queue up for ages to get lottery tickets, and that got them nowhere. At least with Metro, you'll arrive at your destination, so you're not left totally empty-handed if you lose.

It'd encourage anyone who hasn't registered a SmarTrip card yet to bite the bullet. It'd provide an extra incentive for people to pick transit over their cars. And, most importantly for Metro, it'd generate goodwill among riders fed up with endless repairs and delays. Forget "Metro opens doors." It's time for a new slogan, like "You've gotta ride to win."

Prizes don't have to be huge. We all know Metro's too strapped for cash to be handing out cars. (That would probably send the wrong message anyway.) But what about two $50 winners a week? A mere $5,200 a year is a small price to pay to get 104 people — and hopefully their friends — to feel a jolt of anticipation every time they board a train.

Introducing a game of chance to one's commute isn't totally novel. Virginia's Try Transit Week every September allows people who pledge to ditch their cars the opportunity to win Amtrak tickets and transit passes. Folks who show up at the pit stops organized for Bike to Work Day, which will be May 18 in D.C. this year, can score bikes and other fabulous raffle prizes.

But I'm thinking of something more along the lines of the "2012 Commuter Challenge," which is run by Minnesota's Metro Transit. Riders who commit to getting to work without driving between April and June are entered into a drawing for Kindles and netbooks. If they track their trips online each week, they're entered into more drawings.

If it didn't require moving to Minnesota, that'd sound like a winning idea to me.

Ride On Offers Live Bus Tracking

Transportation

Montgomery County wants to take some of the guesswork out of taking the bus. The county's Ride On bus service launched "Ride On Real Time" on Wednesday, which tracks buses and makes planning easier.

The system lets travelers check real-time bus locations and arrival times. There are three main ways to access this information:

- Go to www.rideonrealtime.com.
- Check out the Ride On Real Time app, available for iPhones and Android devices.
- Text the bus stop identification number to bus@rideonrealtime.com. You should receive a text message letting you know when the next bus is coming. There are still some bus stops that cannot be checked using the system. (TWP)

Local

In Brief

FLICKR

You can vote for your favorite otter names at Whole Foods and on Facebook.

WASHINGTON

National Zoo Set to Name Otters as Part of Contest

Pumpkin. Rutabaga. Paprika. These are the choices in the latest animal -naming contest at the National Zoo. As part of the celebration welcoming 13 new small-clawed otters next month, the zoo is giving the public the chance to name one. People can vote on their favorite name through April 30. The National Zoo has partnered with Whole Foods for the contest, so people can vote at area store locations and Facebook pages. (AP)

MANASSAS, VA.

Man Steals Police Cruiser, Leads Officers on Chase

Virginia State Police say a pedestrian on Interstate 66 hit an Arlington County police officer, stole the officer's cruiser and led police on a chase. Troopers say about noon Thursday, a man, who was not identified, was walking on the interstate in Prince William County. A trooper and the county officer approached him. The man hit the county officer in the face, got into the cruiser and fled. He was caught, subdued and arrested. (AP)

RIVA,MD.

Chesapeake Blue Crabs At Highest Mark Since '93

Blue crabs in the Chesapeake Bay have hit record numbers. Results of an annual winter dredge survey released Thursday at a Riva crab house show the most crabs since 1993. Maryland officials say the survey found an estimated 764 million crabs in the bay, nearly two-thirds more than last year. The increase was highest among juvenile crabs, which totaled 587 million, nearly triple last year's total. (AP)

Federal City Council Gets Ex-Mayor

Williams to be CEO of private-sector D.C. group of executives

Washington

Former Mayor Anthony A. Williams will be the new chief executive of the Federal City Council, an influential group of executives, philanthropists and others known for shaping District policy, according to people with knowledge of the selection.

The appointment, expected to be announced Thursday afternoon, is a major coup for the organization. It has been searching for a replacement for John W. Hill Jr., who has headed the council since 2004 but said in October that he would step down in August to return to the private sector.

Williams, 60, is credited with guiding the District in its transformation from a city on the brink of financial collapse to one that is now booming in population and popularity.

Before he was recruited to run for mayor in 1998 in a "Draft Anthony Williams" movement, he was the chief financial officer under the financial control board, a congressionally appointed group that oversaw the city's finances.

As mayor, Williams pushed the city fiscally but also sought to improve basic services. The control board — Hill was its first executive director — dissolved in 2001 after Williams' tenure had produced multiple balanced city budgets.

But Williams also fought the perception that his policies catered to the city's more affluent residents, particularly with the city-financed construction of Nationals Park.

Williams, who often speaks about public policy, has said creating a bustling downtown and backing other big projects was to strengthen the city's tax base.

Williams would be the first former mayor to head the group.

NIKITA STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Former D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams is the new head of the Federal City Council.

NASA Shuffles Its Shuttles

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TWO NASA SPACE SHUTTLES, Enterprise, left, and Discovery meet nose-to-nose at the beginning of a transfer ceremony at the Smithsonian's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center Thursday, in Chantilly, Va. Space shuttle Discovery will take the place of Enterprise at the center to commemorate the United States' 30-year shuttle program. | **postlocal.com**

Metro Funding Bill Advances In U.S. Senate

Washington

The Senate transportation and housing committee has passed an appropriations bill that would give Metro $150 million for safety.

This is the fourth installment of federal funds dedicated to help Metro improve its safety measures. Federal legislation passed in 2008 authorizes $1.5 billion in federal funds over 10 years to repair Metro's aging and deteriorating system.

"I won't stop fighting to reform America's subway until it is safe for the people who work on it and those who ride on it," said Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., in a statement. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, April 19

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	9-3-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-4-5
Mid-day Pick 4	8-4-2-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-5-4-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	6-17-20-35-36 (14)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	1-5-11-13-14-19

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-5-5
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	0-4-0
Mid-day DC 4	4-5-2-6
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	8-3-3-2
Mid-day D.C. Five	4-2-2-0-5
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	2-8-3-4-5
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	6-19-22-33-38 (5)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	3-8-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-9-0
Mid-day Pick 4	2-6-4-6
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-9-6-4
Mid-day Cash 5	1-6-7-13-26
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	6-14-23-32-33
Win For Life (Wed.)	6-7-11-13-31-42 (3)

Multi-State Games

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- ✔ Applications must be postmarked or delivered by Friday, June 8, 2012.

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RG3 is remaining calm a week before he's likely to become a Redskin | 16

TV Lineup

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Braden Holtby and the Caps hope to be playing on Sunday against the Bruins.

Friday

7 P.M. The Nats start their series against Ozzie Guillen's Marlins. MASN
7 P.M. The Celtics visit the Hawks and the Spurs tip off against the Lakers in late-season NBA games. ESPN
7:30 P.M. Game 5 of the Flyers-Penguins NHL playoff series. NBCSN
10 P.M. The Orioles visit Albert Pujols and the Angels in Los Angeles. MASN2

Saturday

1 P.M. Stephen Strasburg pitches for the Nats against the Marlins. MASN
3 P.M. The Capitals and Bruins play Game 5 of their series in Boston. NBC
7 P.M. Game 5 of the Rangers-Senators playoff series, which is tied at two. NBCSN
7:30 P.M. The Wizards take on LeBron James and the Miami Heat. CSN
9 P.M. The O's and Angels continue their series out in L.A. MASN2

Sunday

NOON There's a full slate of NHL action, which could feature Game 6 of the Caps-Bruins series. NBC
12:30 P.M. NASCAR rolls into Kansas City, Kan., for the STP 400. Fox
1:30 P.M. The Nats wrap up their homestand against the Marlins. MASN
3:30 P.M. More O's-Angels action. MASN2
6 P.M. D.C. United takes on the New York Red Bulls. ESPN2

EVAN VUCCI/AP

Not even the Nationals' lack of run support can wipe the smile off of Gio Gonzalez's face.

All Smiles

Happy thoughts power Gonzalez as he makes his mark with the Nats

The Nationals

It is the ninth inning and the closer has just put the tying run on second base, the go-ahead run on first.

There are no outs, and the biggest, burliest part of the Astros' batting order is coming to the plate. The moment is pregnant with tension and a hint of dread.

Only, wait. No, everything's good. Gio Gonzalez is in the dugout, and he's sending out happy thoughts by the metric ton. He's got it covered.

"I was trying to keep cool, calm and collected," said the left-hander, plucked from Oakland in an offseason trade. "I keep a smile on my face. When you give positive vibes, you get positive outcomes."

And hey, it worked. Brad Lidge wriggled out of a jam on Tuesday night and secured Gonzalez's first win as a Washington National, overdue after the starter threw seven shutout innings for the second-straight game.

Gonzalez's approach to the game is in sharp contrast to the uber-intense on-field personas of fellow starters Stephen Strasburg and Jordan Zimmermann, but so far the results have been similarly dominant.

In the clubhouse after his victory, Gonzalez's smile still lingered as he pulled a blue Washington Capitals T-shirt over his freshly gelled head and began explaining the secret to his success in pitching and, presumably, life.

Confidence. In a 10-minute interview, Gonzalez, who will next pitch Sunday against the Florida Marlins, dropped that word nearly two dozen times. It's that important. He has to stay confident, and he has to project it so that it spreads and multiplies.

"I always try to keep it loose," he said. "If I tighten up, it makes it worse for the position players and the hitters."

Along with the confidence, Gonzalez exudes a sheer joy on the field that is endearing him to teammates and fans. A reformed American Leaguer with a confessed low aptitude for hitting, he blooped his first major-league hit into left field last week, and he rounded first base grinning like a Little Leaguer. On Tuesday, when he crushed a ball toward the wall only to watch the center fielder track it down, fans showered him with a standing ovation and he entered the dugout sheepishly to a chorus of ribbing from teammates.

"The starting pitchers were laughing at me," he said. But he just flashed that smile, went back to the mound and cashed in on some positive vibes.

DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

Series Preview

As part of the Nationals' strongest start since going 8-5 in the 2005 season, they entered Thursday night's game having already ensured that they will have won their first four series of the season. The Florida Marlins, who visit this weekend, should make for a tougher test in this battle of NL East upstarts. Here's the pitching schedule for the final series of the Nats' first homestand of the season.

Friday
Carlos Zambrano (0-0, 3.75 ERA) vs. Ross Detwiler (1-0, .90 ERA)

Saturday
Anibal Sanchez (1-0, 2.92 ERA) vs. Stephen Strasburg (2-0, 1.42 ERA)

Sunday
Josh Johnson (0-2, 5.94 ERA) vs. Gio Gonzalez (1-0, 2.04 ERA)

Close Is Cutting It

On Wednesday night, the Nationals went ahead in the eighth inning or later for the fifth time this season, and they improved to 5-2 in games decided by one run. The triumph was Washington's second in a row by that margin, and according to manager Davey Johnson, there's a consensus that the team expects to win close games. The results so far have been unmistakable. Washington (10-3) entered Thursday night's action with the best record in the NL by a half-game over the Los Angeles Dodgers. After Wednesday's nail-biter, the Nats were the only team in the NL with 10 wins and one of two in the majors with double-digit victories. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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For RG3, Calm Before the Draft

Griffin: Redskins' trade eased nerves about future in NFL

The Redskins

One week before Robert Griffin III is expected to become the Redskins' quarterback of the future, the former Baylor star says he feels relatively calm and that the NFL Draft process hasn't been too unnerving.

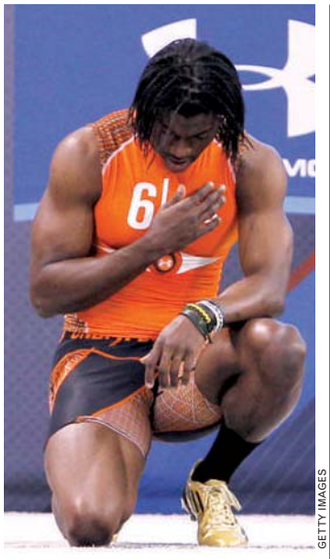
"It was until the trade happened," he said in an interview this week, referring to the Redskins-Rams deal last month that moved Washington up to second overall pick. "Because then it was just narrowed down to two."

Griffin said if the Redskins hadn't made the trade, his nerves would be a lot less steady because he could have landed in Indianapolis, Washington, Miami, Cleveland or somewhere else. "But once the trade happened, it kind of settled me down to where it's one or the other," he said. "It makes it a lot easier."

Griffin has met with members of the Redskins' front office and coaching staff several times this month, as each side works to become familiar with the other. Griffin said he's plenty familiar with the area. He has a grandmother in Richmond, a sister in Philadelphia and a cousin at Howard University.

Griffin met President Obama at the National Prayer Breakfast in February. Needless to say, he doesn't think he'd have a problem making the Washington area his home.

"Having lived in so many different places, you just go in it, see what's going on and you find your niche," said Griffin, whose family moved often because his parents are in the military. "And not just where you fit in. You just try to make your niche who you are." (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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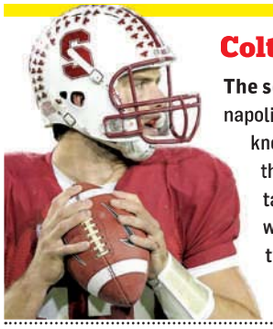
Wall-to-Wall RG3

Reporter Rick Maese chronicles Robert Griffin III's rise to fame in Sunday's Washington Post. Plus, watch an interview with Griffin at washingtonpost.com/sports.



Colts Are Feeling Lucky

The secret is out. Andrew Luck will be the Indianapolis Colts' new quarterback. A person with direct knowledge of the situation said Thursday that the Colts have notified Luck that they plan to take the Stanford QB with the No. 1 pick in next week's NFL draft barring an unforeseen event between now and then. Contract talks won't happen before the draft, the source said. (AP)

For Better or Worse, Old-Time Hockey Is Back

Pro Hockey

If old-time hockey is back, it's left many questioning whether they like the gritty sequel.

Stopping well short of making comparisons to the bloody, gap-toothed Broad Street Bully era of the 1970s, retired hall of fame coach Al Arbour is upset with the head-hunting hits and suspension-a-day headlines dominating the first round of the NHL playoffs.

"It surprises me," he said. "Never mind what it was in our day. It's getting carried away."

Arbour said he was bothered seeing stars Sidney Crosby and Claude Giroux exchange punches during Game 3 of the Penguins-Flyers' series last weekend. And he was particularly upset in seeing Phoenix forward Raffi Torres go unpenalized after launching himself into Marian Hossa with such force that the Chicago forward had to be carted off the ice on Tuesday.

TOM MIHALEK/AP

Philadelphia's Claude Giroux and Kimmo Timonen battle Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby.

Through the first eight days of the playoffs, nine players have been issued suspensions, including Torres, who will learn whether his indefinite ban will be extended following a hearing Friday.

Penalty minutes are up over previous playoff first rounds. According to STATS LLC, teams are averaging 18 penalty minutes a game this year, which is pacing at the highest rate since 1998. Leading the way is the Flyers-Penguins slugfest of a series, which has produced 282 penalty minutes in four games.

"It's a little bit risque right now, there's no question," NHL legend Wayne Gretzky told Philadelphia's Fanatic-Radio.

The fisticuffs haven't turned off fans. NBC announced that more than 18.4 million viewers have watched the playoffs through Tuesday. That's up nearly 5 million over the same period as last year.

Capitals Coverage

Game 4 of the Capitals-Bruins playoff series ended after Express' deadline Thursday night. For results and analysis, see washingtonpost.com/sports.

Former player and current CBC analyst P.J. Stock says the jump in ratings makes it hard to determine whether the increased violence is good or bad for the game. "The NHL is kind of stuck here, because the politically correct and public answer is 'It's not good. We don't want to see that,'" Stock said. "I guess there's no such thing as bad press." JOHN WAWROW (AP)

Swengali

It's Time to Let Teddy Win a Race

If pitching is the key to success in baseball, and it is, the Nats are going to be really good this year. Take that, Express jinx.

With five strong starters, Washington is almost a surefire winner. Having seemingly broken the cycle of losing, the Nats have just one thing left to do: Let Teddy win!

By Matt Swenson

The chance to do it in the home opener came and went. And since then, the 4th-inning Presidents Race continues to be a tease. Teddy is still 0-fer.

His namesake's mantra of "speak softly and carry a big stick" is perfect advice for this team. The Nats already don't make many headlines for controversial remarks. Now they just need the big stick.

'Speak softly and carry a big stick' is perfect advice for this team.

Poor Jordan Zimmermann is getting the "Teddy treatment" from his offense, which has yet to give the fireballer with a sparkling 1.29 ERA the support needed for a win this season.

The Nationals need to embrace Teddy. Jayson Werth took up the cause last year and, not coincidentally, the outfielder is hitting much better in his second season in D.C.

Imagine if the organization joined in. Forget these one-run, low-scoring thrillers. Stephen Strasburg and company would be cruising to the playoffs, and could sport as many as four 20-game winners on the staff.

Losing mentalities are almost a thing of the past at Nationals Park. There's just one big swing of the stick left to make it official.

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D.C. Forced to Settle for Draws

United makes most out of ties before its game vs. Red Bulls

Major League Soccer

So D.C. United missed a chance to snap a nearly three-year stretch of not winning consecutive league games in its 1-1 draw with Montreal Wednesday night. No matter. What's on deck Sunday is more meaningful to the team's task at hand.

The rival New York Red Bulls come to RFK Stadium, and D.C. has a chance to leapfrog its chief enemy and take second place in the Eastern Conference standings behind runaway leader Sporting Kansas City. While Wednesday's result was labeled "a disappointing tie" by D.C. coach Ben Olsen, it did extend United's unbeaten streak to five games.

"It's frustrating, but that's five games in a row where we are grabbing points," said Chris Pontius, who scored the game-winning goal in New England last weekend. "It's not like we are dropping points. We have shown resilience the last few games coming from behind."

The Red Bulls will be far from full strength when they come to town. Mercurial central midfielder and longtime Mexican international Rafa Marquez was suspended three games for a nasty tackle on San Jose's Shea Salinas last weekend. In addition, central midfielder Teemu Tainio and center back Wilman Conde are out with injuries. But D.C. is also hurting.

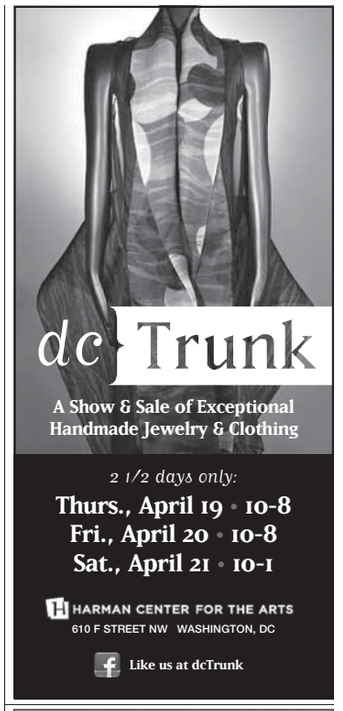
Center backs Dejan Jakovic (ankle) and Emiliano Dudar (hamstring) both sat out Wednesday's game. Should they both be held out again, that would put pressure on Brandon McDonald and makeshift center back Robbie Russell, normally a starter at right back, to contain the top forward tandem in the league: French icon Thierry Henry and Kenny Cooper.

AVI CREDITOR (FOR EXPRESS)

6 P.M.
Sun. | ESPN2

The Atlantic Cup

Sunday marks the kickoff of the annual rivalry between D.C. United and the New York Red Bulls, known as the Atlantic Cup. With a return to an unbalanced schedule, D.C. has an advantage this season, as two of the three matches against New York this season are at RFK Stadium. The Red Bulls have won the last two Atlantic Cups, making D.C.'s six-season stretch of dominance between 2004-2009 seem like a distant memory. A.C.



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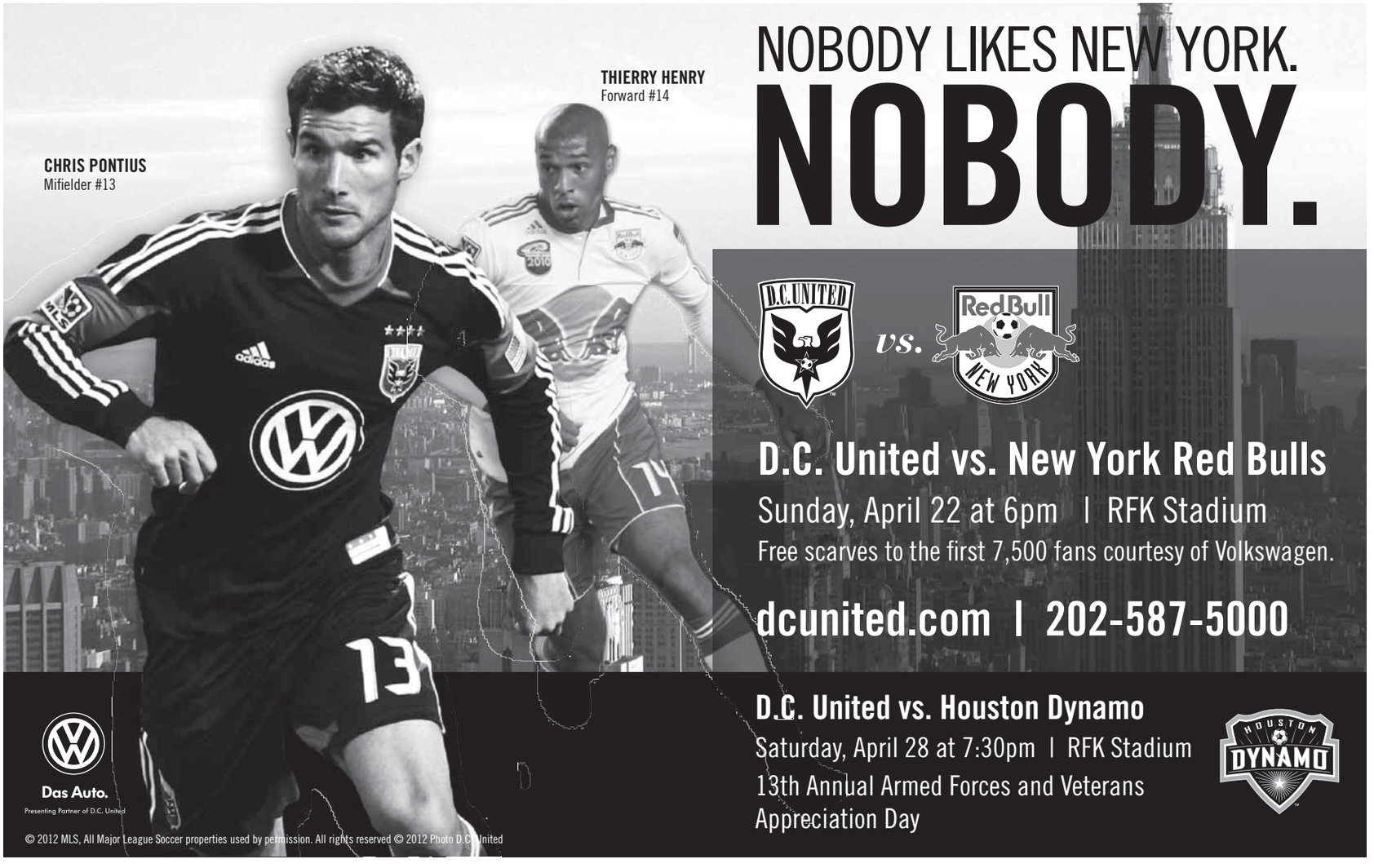

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Olympic Dreamers

Wednesday marked 100 days until the London Olympics, which makes this a good time to look at some of the athletes who will be thrilling sports fans on the biggest of stages this summer. From the track to the pool to the hardwood, what follows is a list of athletes to watch (mindful that some still need to qualify). (AP)

Hiroshi Hoketsu

At 71, the Japanese equestrian will be the oldest competitor in London. Hoketsu has qualified for the individual dressage competition, riding a 15-year-old mare called Whisper. He competed in his first Olympics in 1964 when he was 23. Hoketsu was 67 at the Beijing games, finishing ninth in the team event and 35th in the individual competition. He still won't break the record as the oldest Olympian ever. That distinction belongs to Swedish shooter Oscar Swahn, who was 72 when he won a silver medal at the 1920 Antwerp games.

Oscar Pistorius

The South African double-amputee athlete, who runs on carbon-fiber blades, is looking to become the first amputee runner to compete in an Olympics. The "Blade Runner" has already gone under the 400-meter Olympic qualifying time of 45.30 seconds and needs to do it once more at an international meet to be eligible for Olympic selection. Pistorius also plans to run in able-bodied IAAF events in Europe and the U.S. ahead of the Olympics. He'll compete in the Paralympics, too.

Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor

Beach volleyball will be one of the main attractions in London, with the competition taking place a stone's throw from Downing Street and Buckingham Palace. No one will get more attention than Walsh and May-Treanor, who are favorites for a third-straight gold. And, yes, they will still be wearing the standard bikini uniforms—not the more modest attire approved recently by the international volleyball federation.

Michael Phelps

After winning a record eight gold medals in Beijing, the 26-year-old American is back for his final big splash before retirement. With a career total of 16 medals, Phelps needs just three more of any color to become the most decorated Olympian in any sport. He called his results over the past three years "horrendous," but he was back in top form at last month's Indianapolis meet. U.S. teammate Ryan Lochte, who won five golds at the 2011 worlds, is Phelps' top rival.

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Usain Bolt

Any talk of the Olympics has to start with the flashy Jamaican sprinter. His performance in Beijing four years ago was magical—gold medals and world records in the 100 meters, 200 meters and sprint relay. Sure, Bolt hasn't been as supernatural the past couple of years, but expect him to peak just in time for the big show in London. There's no reason he can't win another three golds, though world records may be too much to ask. His toughest competition in the 100 and 200 is likely to come from countryman Yohan Blake.

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Others To Watch

Chris Hoy

Winner of three gold medals in Beijing, the British track cyclist is one of the host nation's top hopes for glory on home turf in the spectacular new velodrome.

Kevin Durant

This will be the chance for the Oklahoma City Thunder forward to show his Olympic credentials. KD led the U.S. to gold at the 2010 world championships, but the Olympic title is what really matters.

Neymar

The 20-year-old soccer star from Brazil has already scored nearly 100 goals for his club team, Santos, in less than three seasons and was recently dubbed by Pele as the best playing the world.

Lin Dan

Widely considered the greatest badminton player of all time, China's "Super Dan" is a four-time world champion, five-time All England winner and the reigning Olympic gold medalist.

Steven Lopez

With five world titles, two Olympic gold medals and a bronze to his name, Lopez is the face of taekwondo in the U.S. He's back for a chance to medal at a fourth games.

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Move-in Deals to Jump For

Buildings lure renters with signing incentives, but which are worth it?

Apartment-Hunting

Moving is expensive. Just ask civil engineer Amy Park, who recently funded her own move from Dallas to D.C. for a new job. When the Ellicott House apartment complex in Van Ness (4849 Connecticut Ave. NW, 888-849-1201, Ellicottliving.com) offered to waive her security deposit and move-in fee, plus take $185 a month off the $1,925 rent for a one-bedroom apartment, Park jumped at the deal.

"It helped me out a lot to not have those upfront expenses," says Park, 44. "And I probably would have kept looking if I'd had to pay $1,925 a month."

More and more apartment complexes are offering incentives like these to get prospective tenants in the door. Waived fees, free parking, or one-month's free rent are common deal-sweeteners. Tenants

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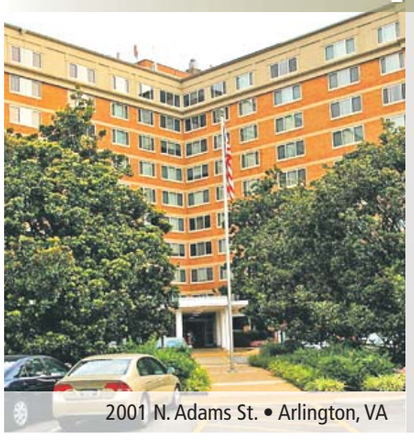
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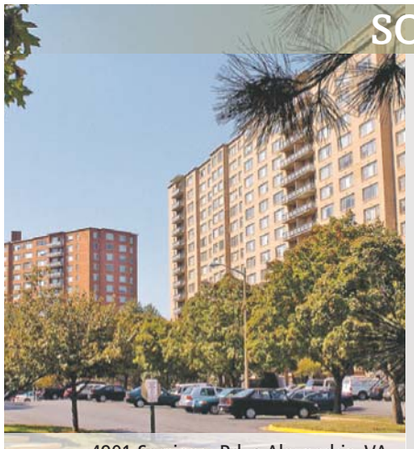
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Move-in Deals

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also be allowed to move in a few weeks before their lease officially starts. Some complexes get a little more creative, giving Visa gift cards, plasma TVs, or iPads to folks who sign a lease.

"It's a competitive market out there," says Rich Lauletta, chief marketing officer for the DC Apartment Co. (202-600-9500, DCapartmentco.com), which helps connect renters with available properties. "Every renter has plenty of choices. In order to remain competitive and get a renter to commit, concessions and incentives are a good part of it."

For apartment complexes, these incentives help fill empty units. They are common in new buildings where landlords need to get a lot of new renters quickly. In some buildings, the concessions might be specific to certain apartments that are hard to rent because of funky sizing or other flaws. You might also see these kinds of concessions in buildings in less desirable areas or at certain times of the year.

If you're looking for a place, keep in mind that what you might see at one time of the year may not be around a few months later. "Seasonality really affects concessions," says Debbie Kaplan, chief operating officer of apartment-finding service Urban Igloo (877-445-6632, Urbanigloo.com). "During the summer, when demand is greater, you won't see as many concessions as you do during the winter," she says.

TEDDY WOLFF | FOR EXPRESS

Move-in incentives helped seal Amy Park's decision to rent at a Van Ness apartment building when she moved from Dallas to D.C.

Apartment-hunters may be tempted to snag alluring incentives as quick as they can — and that's what landlords are counting on. But take the time to weigh the true value of the deals and make sure they're really worth it. A free iPad is nice, but it won't change an awkward layout or the tininess of a bedroom.

"You have to ask yourself, is this really a property that I want to move into?" says Nancy Simmons Starrs, president of apartment-locator firm Apartment Detectives (202-362-7368, Apartmentdetectives.com) and an agent with Prudential Penn-Fed Realty. "If you don't like the property, don't rent there."

Park genuinely liked the unit she'd be renting. "It was the largest one-bedroom I saw for that price range that was newly remodeled, and the building had a lot of amenities compared to other buildings for that same price," she says. The concessions she received simply sweetened the deal and persuaded her to sign on the dotted line.

Up-front perks can mean surprises down the road. If tenants get a discount on rent, both they and the complex should have a clear understanding of how things might change when the lease term ends and prices shoot up. "Properties need to be careful if one month's free rent is amortized throughout the year," says Kaplan. "Renters might experience sticker shock when it's renewal time, and landlords run the risk of losing them."

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> — **AMY PARK,** WHOSE APARTMENT BUILDING WAIVED FEES AND LOWERED HER RENT BEFORE SHE SIGNED HER LEASE.

No matter what it may be, an incentive is only truly worth it if it benefits a renter's bottom line. "Keep your priorities in mind," says Lauletta. "A renter might get excited about something like a free flat-screen TV, but their priority might be the total out-of-pocket cost of a move. Weigh the actual value of an incentive and compare it to your priorities and what would benefit you the most." **BETH LUBERECKI (FOR EXPRESS)**

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DC		1910 Benning Rd., NE Washington, DC 20002	Nice end rowhouse, 2 BR w/Den, on the new trolley car line, off-street parking, front porch, and unfinished basement.	2 BR w/Den Starting at $1150 **301-589-6000**			X					X				
DC		1225 50th Pl., NE Washington, DC 20019	Spacious 1 BRs, $775 + utilities, plenty of storage space, gorgeous hardwood floors.	1 BR Starting at $775 Call Gene Wason **301-589-6000 x109**		X			X							
DC		**Bladensburg Gardens Apartments** 1606-1610 K St., NE Washington, DC 20002	Newly remodeled, secured entry, beautiful hardwood floors, close to H Street corridor.	1-2BRs Starting at $892 **301-589-6000 x109**		X	X							X		
DC		**Fort Chaplin Park** 4212 East Capital St., NE Washington, DC 20010	• One Block from Metro • New Window Treatments • Landscaped Courtyards • 5% Discount to all Metro & DC Gov't. Employees • Renovated Kitchens • Individually controlled heat & A/C • Housing Choice Voucher Welcome where rents are within voucher limits	1,2,3 BRs Starting at $810 **866-209-9228**		X	X	X	X	X	X					
DC		**The Woodner** 3636 16th St., NW Washington, DC 20010	-Immediate Availability -Spacious Studios and 1 Br. Apts/FREE Utilities -Fitness Center and Underground Parking -On-Site Grocery, Dry Cleaner, and Restaurant -Free Shuttle to Red Line (Van Ness) -Within Walking Distance to Columbia Heights Metro	Studio, 1 BR Starting at $1025 **202-328-2822** woodner.com	X	X					X		X		X	
DC		**The Saratoga Apartments** 4601 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, DC 20008	One of the premiere luxury apartment addresses on Connecticut Avenue is only a short walk to the Van Ness Metro, numerous shops and restaurants. *stainless steel appliances *9-foot ceilings, private balconies *a chic billiards lounge, business center, and more! Featuring a 2 BR apartment for $2,695!	Studio, 1, 2, 3BRs Starting at $1675675 **888-309-1983** thesaratogadc.com	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X
DC		**The Overlook at Oxon Run** 3700 9th St. SE Washington DC 20032	Move in by May 15th & receive half off first month's rent. 1 & 2 BRs for immediate move-in. Close to Green Line. 1 BRs. $950. 2 BRs $1075. Income restrictions and tax credit property. More info, ask for Chris Garner	1 BR, 2 BR starting at $950 **202-373-1900**		X	X			X	X		X	X		X
DC		**Banneker Place** 3738 D St., SE Washington, DC 20019	The apartment homes at Banneker Place feature an array of modern amenities and many extras for your convenience. Choose from a variety of living spaces designed to meet your every need. You'll be close to transportation, shopping, and great entertainment. Call today to make Banneker Place your new home!	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $640 **866-724-4089**	X	X	X		X		X					
DC		**River Hill Apartments** 2942 2nd St., SE Washington, DC 20032	River Hill Apartments was created for those who know what they want out of life! Our elegant homes of distinction provide carefree living with personalized service. You'll be surrounded by natural beauty and vitality. With our central location, you are just minutes from fine dining, shopping and recreation. With features such as a swimming pool and a playground, you'll be living the good life.	1, 2 BRs Starting at $724 **888-718-2778**		X	X		X		X					
DC		1715 Minnesota Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020	Spacious 1 BRs $775 + utilities, plenty of storage space, gorgeous hardwood floors	1 BR Starting at $760 Call Gene Watson **301-589-6000 x109**		X			X			X		X		

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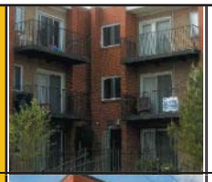
DC		5210-5212 E St., SE Washington, DC 20019	Beautiful 1-2 BRs starting from $950-$1375, remodeled, some with balconies, secured entry, video intercom	1, 2 BRs Starting at $950 Call Gene Wason **301-589-6000 x109**		X	X		X					X		
DC		3322 12th St., SE Washington, DC 20032	Spacious 1 BRs $745 + electric, plenty of light, on-site laundry, close to new shops & Congress Heights metro.	1 BR Starting at $745 Call Gene Wason **301-589-6000 x109**		X			X	X				X		
DC		**Friendship Court** 4632 Livingston Rd SE Washington, DC 20032	Fresh, crisp and beautifully landscaped. Friendship Courts newly renovated community is remodeled with you in mind! Our one and two bedroom apartment homes are completely upgraded and ready for you to visit.	2 BRs Starting at $849 **866-754-0431**			X									
DC		**Meadow Green Courts** 3539 A St., SE Washington, DC 20019	Located in a beautiful natural wooded setting with courtyards .We are convenient to shopping, schools, and major highways. Our spacious apts have everything to offer you including large walk-in closets, dishwashers and A/C. • 5% Discount to all Metro & DC Gov't. Employees • Housing Choice Vouchers Welcome where rents are within Voucher Program limits	1,2,3 BRs Starting at $810 **866-653-9652**		X	X	X	X	X	X					
DC		**Eagles Crossing** 1116 Irvington St., SW Washington, DC 20032	Comfort, convenience and quality... Eagle's Crossing has it all. Our garden-style spacious apartments offer beautifully landscaped grounds with easy access to public transportation, minutes away from downtown, 295, and the Metro.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs From the $700s **866-233-0132** eandggroup.com	X	X	X		X		X			X		
DC		**Friendship Crossing Apartments** 57 Galveston St., SW Washington, DC 20032	You can have it all at Friendship Crossing ... convenience comfort and value! A great location just minutes to shopping, dining, 495, 295 and the metro. Our fully renovated apartment homes set in a park like atmosphere are waiting for you. Enjoy the luxuries of all new and upgraded appliances and the comfort of a gated community. Call us or visit us today to see what Friendship Crossing has to offer.	1, 2 BRs Starting at $765 **202-640-1432**		X	X		X	X	X			X	X	
DC		**Wingate Tower** 4660 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave Washington, DC 20032	* One month's FREE RENT on select units * Gated Community with controlled access * Kitchens with new appliances * Private balconies and patios * Pet Friendly	1,2,3,4,5BR's starting at $805 **855-300-3230**		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MD		**Park Bethesda** 5325 Westbard Avenue Bethesda, MD 20816	Park Bethesda is moments from the heart of vibrant Bethesda, yet set in a more serene suburban setting. Luxury amenities all within your urban oasis! State of the art fitness center, 24 hour concierge, gourmet kitchens and much more!	Studio,1, 2 BRs Starting at $1352 **240-752-9007** parkbethesda.com	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X
MD		**North Bethesda Market** 11351 Woodglen Drive North Bethesda, MD 20852	• BRAND NEW apartments • On-site Whole Foods Market • 2 Blocks to White Flint Metro • Full-service Concierge • Lounge with billiards & Xbox • 2 Pools & courtyard with firepit	Studios - 3BRs Starting at $1640 **866-926-6603** NorthBethesdaMarket.com	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X
MD		**Autumn Woods Apartments** 5033 57th Avenue Bladensburg, MD 20710	Welcome to Autumn Woods . . . the lifestyle you deserve, at a price you can afford. Applicants receive a free computer* *Restrictions apply Spacious apartments with wall-to-wall carpet, refrigerator, gas cooking, and dishwasher. Washer & dryer hook up in some apartments.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $735 **877-391-8553** knighta@richmanmgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	

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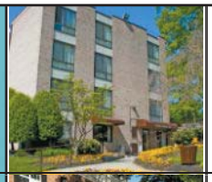
MD		**Penn Southern** 4113 Southern Avenue Capitol Heights, MD 20743	All credit considered. FIOS ready. Upgraded eat-in kitchens. Paint options available in select apartments. Individually controlled air conditioning & heat. Close to Metro. ■ Minutes from Washington DC & Capitol Hill ■ Pool, sundeck, playground ■ Business Center	Studio, 1,2,3BR Starting at $830 **866-810-0275** pennsouthern.com	X	X	X		X			X				
MD		**Addison Chapel** 1525 Elkwood Lane Capitol Heights, MD 20743	• Newly remodeled apts. with designer finishes. • Separate dining areas, spacious living rooms • Complete ceramic tile kitchens, baths • Convenient to Deanwood Metro, bus at door • All utils. included for a small fee • Cats welcome	1, 2 BRs Starting at $869 **888-745-1719** leasing@addisonchapelapts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
MD		**Fox Club** 1935 Brooks Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743	Ideally located in a charming, wooded setting just off Marlboro Pike, Fox Club has spacious, elegant apartment interiors. The Addison Rd. & Capitol Heights Metro Stations are just a short ride away. Shopping has never been more convenient with Penn Mar and Forest Village Shopping Centers close-by.	1,2,3 BRs, some w/Den Starting at $930 **301-637-5787** gradymgt.com		X	X	X	X	X	X					
MD		**North Park Avenue Apartments** 4615 North Park Avenue Chevy Chase, MD 20815	* Conveniently located just inside of the Beltway * Steps from areas most exclusive shops including the Mazza Gallerie * Approximately 3 milesfrom Georgetown *Call for current specials	1, 2 BRs Starting at $1,915 **240-752-9004** northparkave.com		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD		**Seven Springs Village** 3910 Cherry Hill Road College Park, MD 20740	All utilities Included! Live the good life at Seven Springs Village. Spacious and newly renovated apt. homes with stylish kitchens, walk-in closets and the best location in College Park! UMD and Metro Shuttles right at your doorstep!	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs From the $1000's **888-419-1169** SevenSpringsVillage.com	X	X	X			X	X				X	
MD		**Oakcrest Towers** 2100 Brooks Drive Forestville, MD 20747	2011 PACE APARTMENT COMMUNITY" EXCELLENCE" AWARD WINNER. Picture yourself swimming in our resort style pool, playing a game of tennis or simply enjoying the view from your balcony or our Wi-fi terrace. First class fitness center; comfort and convenience minutes from the city, military bases & the Capital Beltway. Large renovated apartments, abundant closet space, exquisite details and much more.	Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs 2 BR/2 BA, 2 BR w/Den Starting at $739 **888-831-7065** oakcresttowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD		**The Residences of Suitland Parks** 6501 Hil-Mar Drive Forestville, MD 20747	This Property is situated on a quiet creek with wide open spaces and a park like setting. Easy access to I-495, Suitland Parkway and Metro. They offer a full array of recreational and social opportunities.	1, 2, 3+ BRs Starting at $805 **240-289-2950** suitlandparkapartments.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
MD		**Penn Landing Apartment Homes** 6311 Pennsylvania Ave. Forestville, MD 20747	Welcome to Penn Landing Apartments, where exceptional customer service and comfort meet. Come see for yourself! Large apartments, affordable rents, and an unbeatable location all add up to complete convenience and relaxation. We look forward to welcoming you home.	1, 2, 3 BRs, 2BR Duplexes **240-289-2955** pennlandingapts.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		**Charlestowne North** 8150 Lakecrest Drive Greenbelt, MD 20770	Welcome home to Charlestowne North. Located in a serene wooded setting, this fully-loaded high-rise gives you: -Fully renovated apartments with stylish kitchens, new balconies and lots of space. -All utilities included in your monthly rent -A location near NASA Goddard Flight Center, the USDA, Metro and major roadways.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting from the $1300s **877-883-1105** CharlestowneNorth.com	X	X	X				X	X		X	X	
MD		**Glen Oaks** 7509 Mandan Road Greenbelt, MD 20770	All Utilities are included at Greenbelt's premier community—Glen Oaks Apartments! Huge, stunningly-renovated apartment homes give you all the amenities you crave, including your own washer and dryer, lots of closets, and high-end finishes. Even enjoy full use of the Greenbriar Country Club!	1, 2, 3 BRs From the $1,500s **888-458-3455** GlenOaksApts.com		X	X	X			X	X			X	X

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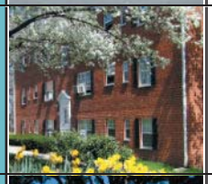
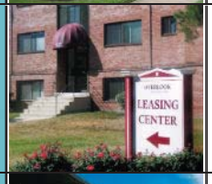
MD		**Marlborough House** 3001 Branch Ave. Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748	NOW OPEN 7 DAYS! Welcome home to Marlborough House where we offer superior service and a long list of amenities, including all utilities, a fitness center, a swimming pool, and a tele-entry system. Experience the Southern difference. Cats allowed with pet rent.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $935 **888-347-6956**	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	
MD		**Carriage Hill Apartments** 3416 Curtis Drive #T3 Hillcrest Heights, MD 20746	Mid-Rise + Garden style apartment community. All credit considered. all utilities include and immediate move ins available.	1BR - 3BR's $985-$1465 **888-341-7613** carriageapts.net		X	X	X								
MD		**University City** 2213 University Blvd. E Hyattsville, MD 20747	Convenient to Downton DC, the Capital Beltway (95/495), Univ. of MD, and 2 Metro Stations! Enjoy newly renovated apartments with generous living rooms, hardwood floors and ample closets. Walk to grocery stores, shopping & restaurants. On the UMD shuttle bus route (approx. 1.5 miles). Cats allowed, and utilities included for a small fee. Free, off-street parking. Se Habla Espanol	1, 2 BRs Starting at $869 **888-276-6289** universitycityapts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
MD		**Toledo Plaza** 3215 Toledo Place Hyattsville, MD 20782	Toledo Plaza Apartments offers -Location: Close to major transportation routes -Convenience: Walk to Prince George's Metro Station and Prince George's Plaza shopping -Value: Our apartments are affordably priced and utilities are included! A great value close to major transportation corridors in Hyattsville.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $1304 **240-696-4600** toledoplazaapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**Belcrest Plaza** 3400 Toledo Terrace Hyattsville, MD 20782	Belcrest Plaza combines a beautiful wooded setting with the convenience of Metrorail & the Mall at Prince Georges directly across the street. Located just minutes from downtown DC & the Univ. of Md. with bus service for both! Convenient to the Beltway and B/W Parkway	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs some w/Den Starting at $827 **301-637-7539** Gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
MD		**Overlook Apartments** 1507 Ray Road Hyattsville, MD 20782	ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED! Overlook Apartments offer stylish apartment living w/Metro, DC and 495 right at your fingertips. Variety of spacious floorplans. Sparkling pool. Pets welcome. Income restrictions apply. See Sales Agent for Details.	1, 2 BRs from the $1080's **888-414-5572** TheOverlookApts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X				
MD		**Summer Ridge** 1829 Belle Haven Drive Hyattsville, MD 20785	• 1 MONTH FREE! • Free Business Center • Free After School Program • Electronic Bldg. Entry Stystem • Maximum Income Requirements • Credit & Criminal Screening Required	1, 2, 3 BRs **866-507-2283** summerridgeapartments.net		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Kings Square Apartments** 3402 Dodge Park Road Landover, MD 20785	• Newly renovated apartments • Laundry facilities • Cable ready • Day care on premises • Superb elementary school within walking distance • Walk to Metro and the new Wegmans! FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $835 **877-219-5017**		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**Maple Ridge** 2252 Brightseat Road Landover, MD 20785	• Remodeled apartments w/ brand new kitchens • Spacious balconies or patios • Individually controlled A/C & heat • Licensed Daycare on Premises • Free Fitness Center on Property All in an excellent location, right by the new Wegmans! FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $875 **877-219-5026**		X	X	X	X			X	X			
MD		**Kent Village** 6707 Hawthorne St. Landover, MD 20785	Located within minutes of downtown DC and the 495 Beltway. Only one block from the Landover Road Metro. Metro busstop on the community. Newly renovated 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes. Comfort and convenience at an affordable price.	1,2 BRs, 2BR TH's starting at $925 **866-799-4621** kentvillage.com		X			X	X	X	X				X

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MD		**Crestleigh Apartments** 9556 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Our spacious, stylish apartment homes come appointed with many closets, washers and dryers and a variety of floor plans. We offer exceptional customer service! Our sparkling pool and clubhouse are just a few of the amenities that make Crestleigh an ideal community. Minutes from the BW Parkway and downtown Laurel.	1BR, 2BR Starting from the $1,000s **(877) 804-6217** CrestleighApts.com	X	X	X				X	X			X	X
MD		**Montpelier Crossing** 9689 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Just minutes from downtown Laurel. Spacious garden-style apartments and town homes. -generously sized living rooms -separate dining rooms -bedrooms with large closets and bathrooms -kitchens come with white cabinets and white appliances, frost-free refrigerators, and gas cooking.	1, 2, 3 BR THs Starting at $960 **240-547-2113** montpeliercrossing.com		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		
MD		**Queenstown Apartments** 3301 Chillum Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712	Welcome to a small taste of good living! Newly renovated apartment homes (limited supply). Come have peace of mind at Queenstown Apartments! Offering 1 & 2 BR apartments including free gas, on-site security, fitness/business center, after school program, and 5% gov't and senior citizen discount. Ask about our student discount!	1, 2 BRs **888-726-1862** queenstownapts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
MD		**Colonial Village** 908 Marcy Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	LOCATION, SPACE, VALUE! Located minutes from Metro, the Beltway, downtown D.C. and Virginia. A lovely garden community one minute from the renovated Eastover shopping center. Walk to elementary school and 5 minutes to Metro. Minutes to the National Harbor Large balconies/patios	1,2,3 BRs Starting at $830 **877-219-5035**		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**Portabello Apartments** 6441 Livingston Road Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Spacious apartments and townhomes with unique living spaces, large floorplans, balconies and patios. Walk-in closets and FREE intrusion alarms . Conveniently located near the National Harbor. Portabello--where quality and comfort meet!	1,2,3BRs some w/Dens, 3BR THs Starting at $934 **301-850-1767** portabelloapartments.com		X	X	X	X		X					X
MD		**Southview** 1309 Southview Dr. Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Open the door to the good life at Southview. With these spacious, affordable and conveniently located apartment homes, the good life is waiting for you inside and out. An easy commute takes you downtown by car or Metro, while back home, recreation areas and our two pools keep everyone active. Don't deny yourself the lifestyle you know you deserve. Visit Southview and get ready to live it!	Studio,1, 2, 3BR's Starting at $753 **888-414-6645** southviewapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
MD		**Oxon Hill Village** 2260 Alice Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Nestled between the District of Columbia and historic Virginia, Oxon Hill Village offers a variety of floorplans, free services and amenities including a fitness center. indoor gymnasium, business center and all utilities included.	1BR- 3BR's Starting at $1050 **888-512-6025**		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
MD		**Parkview Gardens** 6400 Riverdale Road Riverdale, MD 20737	Parkview Gardens is a gated community with updated apartments including granite countertops, new appliances and cabinets. Indoor and outdoor pools! An unbeatable location close to shopping, public transportation, BW Parkway and 495. ■ FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP ■ FREE GAS COOKING & HEAT	1,2,3 BRs start at $915 **877-219-5030**		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
MD		**Halpine View** 13013 Crookston Lane Rockville, MD 20851	Welcome to Halpine View Apartments, a naturally beautiful community in the heart of Rockville. Conveniently located, Twinbrook Metro is just three blocks from your door. And while the setting feels far away you're really no more than a bike ride from White Flint Mall or Congressional Plaza. The perfect Rockville address. A picture-perfect community.	Studio,1,2,3 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at $1051 **301-850-1768** gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Metro 710** 710 Roeder Road Silver Spring, MD 20910	All Utilities Included! Stunning, newly renovated luxury apartments in the heart of downtown Silver Spring. Just blocks to Metro and all the shopping and dining of this vibrant locale. Granite Counter tops, stainless steel appliances, and Washer/Dryers in each apartment! $100 gift card at move-in* - see sales agent for details.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs From the $1,300s **888-436-1755** Metro710Apts.com	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X

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MD		**The Chateau** 9727 Mt. Pisgah Rd. Silver Spring, MD 20506	All utilities included, newly renovated roomate style 2 bedrooms, UMD shuttle on-site, 24hr front desk service, short term leases available, Verizon Fios, walk -in closets, 24hr fitness center, Olympic size swimming pool, excellent customer service.	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $1175 **888-377-4216** chateau.net	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD		**Nob Hill** 9120 Piney Branch Rd Silver Spring, MD 20903	Beautiful garden community featuring studios, one bedroom, 1 bedroom + den, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom apartments homes. Updated appliances + new energy efficient windows. Close to shopping & downtown Silver Spring.	Studios - 3BR's Starting at $875 **877-392-4203** nobhillapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		**Hillbrooke Towers** 515 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	Newly renovated mid-rise apts on a lovely residential street close to the center of Silver Spring. Elevator, CAC, disposals, assigned free parking. Walk to Metro. Ride-on Bus at your door. Minutes away from restaurants, movies, theaters and parks. • $200 Security Deposit (w/good credit) • Housing Vouchers Welcome	1, 3 BRs Starting at $950 **888-833-9784**		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	
MD		**Windsor Court and Tower** 13802 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD. 20904	We fit your lifestyle! Choose from our garden or mid-rise apartment homes. Spacious floorplans. Individually controlled heat & A/C. On-site daycare, play areas, swimming and wading pools. Business Center. Cats and small dogs allowed! ● CALL ABOUT OUR SPECIAL!	1 & 2 BRs Starting at $999 **888-255-6159**		X	X		X		X	X		X		
MD		**Waterford Towers** 14000 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	Utilities Included! Experience Hi-rise living at its Best! Newly renovated apartment homes are not only stylish and comfortable...they are also enormous & offer stunning views. Call or stop by today and see for yourself!	1,2,3 BRs From low $1300's **888-544-7357** WaterfordTowerApts.com	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	
MD		**Winexburg Manor** 2301 Glenallen Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20906	Discover an extraordinary residential community where garden & mid-rise apt homes are grand in scale & exceptional in design. • 33 acres of greenery & rectreational activities • state-of-the art Fitness Center • free aerobic classes • swimming pool and sundeck	Studio, 1, 2 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at $1064 **301-850-1767** gradymgt.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X
MD		**Glenmont Forest** 2386 Glenmont Circle Silver Spring, MD 20902	At Glenmont Forest Apts, a world of conveniences await you. Shopping at Glenmont Center and Wheaton Plaza Mall just a short distance away, as is Wheaton Regional Park & Glenmont Metrorail Station. • Pool • Wheelchair access • Hi-speed internet available	Studio,1,2,3 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at $1019 **301-637-5785** Gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Capital Crossing** 3930 Suitland Road Suitland, MD 20746	Open House April 28th 9am-4pm Waived Application Fee, Balloon Pops and Special Giveaways! One Bedrooms available immediately !! Call today to find out how you can get up to one month free on your new apartment PLUS a very special move in gift!	1, 2 BRs Starting at $920 **888-348-1026** williamcsmith.com		X	X		X		X			X		
MD		**Silver Hill Apartments** 4277 Silver Hill Road Suitland, Md. 20746	Our oversized living spaces feature hardwood floors and mini blinds. We are conveniently located near the finest in shopping, dining and entertainment. Call today to see your new home at Silver Hill Apts. ● Special Low Security Deposit ● Move in for $499 + deposit. (call for details)	1,1 & 2BRs start at $755 1 & 2BRs start at $755 **888-513-2042**		X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**Belford Towers** 6733 New Hampshire Ave. Takoma Park, MD 20912	Our apartments boast wall-to-wall carpeting, central air, abundant closet space- including a walk in closet, garbage disposal, patio, elevator access, and vertical blinds. intercom access on site security.	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $970 **888-420-4302** Beaconmanagement.com		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		

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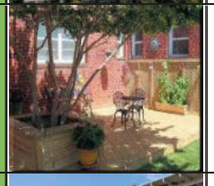
MD		**Hunters Glen Apartments** 14210 Slidell Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Nestled in the heart of the beautiful Villages of Marlborough. Well manicured landscaping, perfect location near historical sites, shopping, dining & entertainment. * Clubhouse with Fitness Center * Swimming Pool, Large Sundeck	1, 2, 3+ BRs Starting from $1465 **888-627-3012** bozzuto.com		X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
VA		**Del Ray Central** 3051 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria,VA 22305	A luxurious brand new community with a small town main street feeling. Experience shopping and dining at its best with a variety of specialty boutiques and locally owned restaurants. On Mt. Vernon Ave, moments from D.C. and right between Crystal City and Old Town.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs w/ dens Starting at $1830 **864-365-2138** delraycentral.com	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X
VA		**Lloyd Apartments** 800 Tennessee Avenue Alexandria, VA 22305	Lloyd Apartments offer expansive floor plans from 650 to 870 square feet with utilities included. Abundant light from windows in every room, including the kitchen and bathroom. Elegant foyers and hallways boast hardwood floors. The bathroom is equipped with a soaking tub and shower with tile flooring. We provide the convenience of on-site laundry facilities, extra storage units, and free parking.	1, 2 BRs Starting at $1175 **240-455-5467** lloydapartments.com		X	X		X		X					
VA		**The Alexander** 4390 King Street Alexandria, VA 22302	Our Collection of pet-friendly studio, one and two - bed apartments is near the Pentagon City and Crystal City Metro stations and our free shuttle makes commuting a breeze.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1400 **571-257-2630** thealexanderapts. riverstoneres.com	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X
VA		**The Aventine of Alexandria** 2801 Park Center Drive Alexandria, VA 22302	Luxury hi-rise living with no amenity spared! Oversized renovated apartment homes w/stunning views; Too many closets to count! Shuttles to Metro & BRAC at Mark Center at your doorstep. • Sparkling Pool • Dog Park • On-Site Deli	1, 2, 3 BRs From the $1300s **877-939-3759** TheAventineofAlexandria.com		X	X	X			X	X		X		X
VA		**Glebe House** 25 West Glebe Road Alexandria, VA 22305	• Furnished & Unfurnished • FREE Cable and HBO • FREE 90-Day membership to YMCA • FREE WIFI in the business center • Prime location minutes to Washington DC, Pentagon, Crystal City, Old Town, Reagan National Airport, Beltway and 395	Studios, 1 BRs start at $954 **240-455-3567** glebehouse.net	X	X			X		X				X	
VA		**Kings Gardens Apartments** 6300 S.Kings Hwy Alexandria, VA 22306	King Gardens Apartments 1,2, 3 bedrooms available starting from $1165.	1BR-3BR's + Dens Starting at $ 1165 **866-980-9358** kgleasing@smcmail.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
VA		**Southern Towers** 4901 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22301	• Close to Pentagon & I-395 • Convenience store on-site • Free on-site parking • Metrobus accessible • No security deposit & move-in fees • Spacious floorplans	Efficiency, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $920 **703-485-4154** southerntowersapts.com	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
VA		**Southport** 6112 Edsall Road Alexandria, VA 22304	Southport is a large, quiet & comfortable 22-acre community in a park-like setting. We pay gas & water. Amenities include: • fitness center/sauna • grand size pool/clubhouse • playground	Studio,1,2,3 BRs, some w/Dens **703-835-9402** gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VA		**The Strand of Alexandria** 420 Yoakum Parkway Alexandria, VA 22304	Connect with a newly renovated apartment in sought-after Alexandria at The Strand! Not only do our luxury apartments give you all the space you need, plus some amazing views...but our community is loaded with extras. From the refreshing pool and sundeck to the deluxe clothes care center with free Wi-Fi, we have it all at The Strand. Check out one of our two fitness centers and enjoy free parking.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs From the $1000s **866-717-4451** thestrandofalexandria.com	X	X	X				X	X		X		

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VA		**Park Vue of Alexandria** 511 Four Mile Road Alexandria, VA 22305	Luxury high-rise living—at Park Vue of Alexandria! With newly renovated apartment homes featuring many windows and lovely views, Park Vue Apartments is Alexandria's best-kept secret! With a new state-of-the-art fitness center and gated parking, get what you want at Park Vue. Near BRAC at Mark Center, Metro and DC. Call today to find out why Park Vue of Alexandria is the best place to call home!	Studio, 1BR, 2BR From the $1119 **(877) 279-1655** ParkVueApts.com		X	X		X		X			X		
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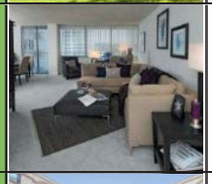
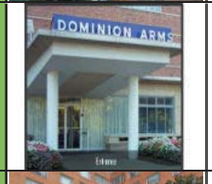
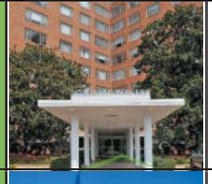
VA		**The Buchanan** 320 23rd Street South Arlington, VA 22202	The Buchanan is located in the heart of Crystal City just minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria. Imagine living at this perfect location where you have convenient access to the Crystal City Metro as well as steps away from a variety of shops, and award winning restaurants.	1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms starting at $1,335 **240-348-1803** www.buchananapts.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
VA		**Dominion Plaza** 1200 S Courthouse Rd Arlington, Virginia 22204	Featuring reasonably priced, newly remodeled apartments overlooking scenic Army/Navy Country Club ● Parquet hardwood floor or wall-to-wall carpeting, as available ● Fitness center, pool & sundeck ● Picnic and barbecue areas on grounds ● Business Center	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at $1105 **703-436-1516** dominionplazaapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	
VA		**Shirlington House** 4201 S. 31st Street Arlington, VA 22206	• Spacious floor plans • Garage parking available • 24 hour Fitness Center • Convenience store on-site • Convenient public transportation to Metro, Pentagon City & Crystal City • Easy access to I-395	Studio, Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1210 **703-595-4233** shirlingtonhouseapts.com	X	X	X		X		X	X	X			
VA		**Dominion Arms** 333 South Glebe Rd. Arlington, VA 22204	● Beauty shop, barber shop & drycleaners ● Close to Route 50 ● Free on-site parking ● Laundry rooms on each floor ● Metro Bus to Ballston & Pentagon Metro ● Outdoor swimming pool ● Small pets welcome	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at $1070 **571-297-1027** dominionarmsapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
VA		**Potomac Towers** 2001 North Adams Street Arlington, VA 22201	• Newly remodeled apartments • Newly remodeled lobby w/Business Center • Fitness Center, Pool & Sundeck • 24-Hour Front Desk Service • 3 Blocks to Court House Metro • Easy access to Key Bridge, Rt. 66 & GW Parkway	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1405 **703-485-4903** potomactowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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VA		**2121 Columbia Pike** 2121 Columbia Pike Arlington, VA 22204	You'll love the convenience of walking to locally owned shops, services and restaurants on Columbia Pike. CALL FOR OUR RENT SPECIAL.	Studio, 1, 1 w/Den, 2 BRs Starting at $1355 **703-537-5887** bmsmithandassociatesinc.com	X	X	X				X					
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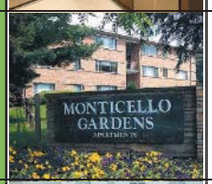
VA		**Monticello Gardens** 3212 Allen Street #101 Falls Church, VA 22042	• 2 swimming pools & 5 playgrounds • 24 hour maintenance • Adjacent to Loehmann's Plaza, Shopping, New Super Giant and New Library • Convenient to Metro & minutes from Dunn Loring Metro Station, I-66 & I-495 • No security deposit & move-in fees	1, 2 BRs Starting at $1250 **703-436-1510** monticellogardenapts.com		X	X		X		X	X				
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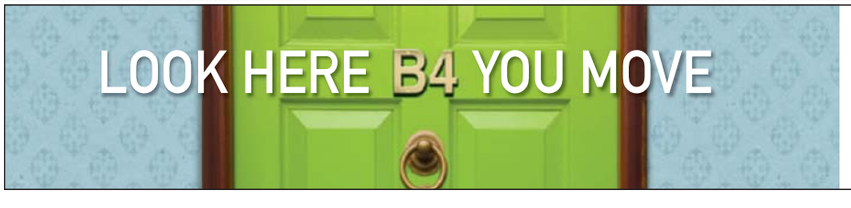

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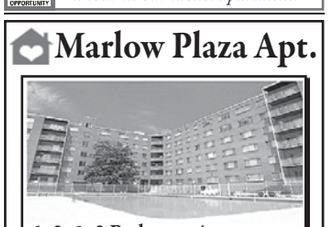

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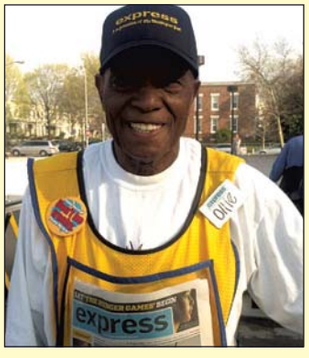
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RIZZOLI

Alain Ducasse

CHEF, RESTAURANTEUR, GARDENER

With more than 20 restaurants and about as many Michelin stars under his toque — and with a new cookbook, "Nature" ($45, Rizzoli), in stores — you might expect chef Alain Ducasse to be intimidating. Yet when we met over croissants at Adour in the St. Regis hotel (923 16th St. NW; 202-509-8000) to dish about the new lunch menu he created for the restaurant, he was wholesome and accessible, with a charming French accent. Which is exactly how we'd describe the new midday service.

What's the new menu like?

I like to summarize it as simple, healthy and good. I aim to lower the intake of animal proteins and introduce more fresh produce. It's about making your diet reflect your consideration for the planet. Very often I'm able to convert meat lovers and show them the potential of vegetables. But if you want something more substantial there will be steak. Taking steak away from Americans is like taking bread away from the French.

How often will the options rotate?

The menu will be reflective of what's available locally and at Amish farms I work with. Right now you'll see ingredients like radish, fennel, peas, asparagus and morels. But later in the season we'll move into fresh herbs, lettuces, fava beans and zucchini flowers.

In what ways will lunch be different than dinner at Adour?

It's not a formal menu. You will be able to have lunch for under $30 with an appetizer, main course and a glass of wine or dessert. We are evolving with the demand of our clientele. And this space transforms beautifully throughout the day.

Do you have a garden at home?

I have a farmhouse in the South of France where I keep a garden. From June to September I manage to thrive off of what's coming from the garden. It's life-changing to be able to experience fresh vegetables the day they are harvested.

"There will be steak. Taking steak away from Americans is like taking bread away from the French."

You have restaurants in eight countries. What have you learned about global cuisine?

I'm traveling 200 days a year, and I have a new experience every time I step into a restaurant. There's a healthy culinary competition going on in the world, and the pace at which you can access information and what other people are doing is fascinating. There's such a strong exchange of knowledge and experiences.

Is there a particular restaurant you look forward to when you visit D.C.?

I can't say one is the best because there is such variety. One day you can eat in a fine-dining restaurant, and the next day you can go to a food truck and still have a good meal. In fact I'm inspired by the food truck movement in D.C. I'm thinking about doing something similar in Paris. HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Gentleman Up

Whiskey tastings, dandyfied style advice (knot a bow tie! buy jeans!) and burlesque performances summon up a hip speakeasy at this pop-up shop for local menswear designers (Alton Lane, Hugh & Crye) and vintage dealers (Dr. K's Vintage). Thurs., 7-10 p.m. $25; Thewwclub.eventbrite.com for location and details.

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Grab Bag

1 Weave Got It

TWO PARTS ISLAND BEATS, ONE PART city streets, Mar Y Sol's woven seagrass bags (shown, $95, Ginger Boutique, 7114 Bethesda Lane; Bethesda; 301-664-9242) go both to the beach or to work during sweet (or sweaty) summer weather. The made-in-Madagascar beauties pair well with the company's equally balmy-feeling hats ($79-$89), which come in shades like coral and sunflower, and shapes like fedoras and broad-brim cowboys.

3 Good Vibrations

WHAT'S THAT? YOU LIKE OUR SNEAKERS? Oooh, our *speakers*. We couldn't hear you over the booming bass from C. Wonder's portable amplifiers ($24, Cwonder.com). Compatible with mobile devices and computers via a 3.5mm minijack, the battery-powered beauties come in blue swirls, multicolored stripes or, our favorite, orange ikat (shown).

2 Royal Suit

HOW TO SPEAK BRIT: "Where's the loo?" means "Gotta go"; "Is this the queue?" translates to "I don't have time for this s*&%"; and "I got this shirt at Charles Tyrwhitt" equals "This shirt was a bargain and will last forever." The London men's clothier set up shop downtown (1000 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-594-3529) where D.C. chaps will find leather brogues, suits and button-downs that cost $34-$350 and boast a six-month, won't-wear-out guarantee.

4 French Bliss

FORGET THOSE sugar fiends who say macarons/pie/caramel apples are the next cupcake. French-style canelés — tiny, soft-inside, crispy-caramelized outside cakes from Bourdeaux — beat all of the above. Mt. Pleasant's Smack (Iwantsmack.com) makes and sells the treats ($14 for a box of 12) in both the original rum-almond flavor and twists like chocolate-dipped or green tea.

5 Class Under Glass

A PAPER circle imprinted with a Guinness logo rocks a certain dorm-room/Brit-pub charm. But Rock/Flower/Paper coasters (shown, $15 for 4, Art with Flowers, Tysons Galleria; McLean, Va.; 703-903-6837) look grown-up glam on the coffee table. Patterns like birds and buddhas or dreamy florals also grace trays ($95). Whether you use them to serve PBR and pork rinds or Cabernet and cheese is your call.

Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Holley Simmons. Find more food, fashion, beauty and home goods at expressnightout.com/grabbag.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

My mom is going to appear on a local television show and is bringing me as her plus one. I need something that is casual but also comfortable. — ELIZA

Manolo says, the Manolo has not asked, nor was the information volunteered, but the Manolo is now burning to know the context of this motherly appearance on the local television program. Indeed, in the absence of information, the possibilities to exercise the imagination are deliciously endless.

For the example, the Manolo wonders, is the Mother of Eliza being feted on the Channel 37 Action Eyewitness News at Noon for her recent victory in the National Corn Flake Bake-Off? (Once tasted, who could ever forge Mom's Crunchy Chicken Kiev, Iowa-Style?)

Or, perhaps, Mama Eliza is being arraigned on criminal charges resulting from the unfortunate events that occurred during the release of her new rap gangsta album?

Maybe, instead, she is the community activist, working to save the habitat of the Greater Crested Greeble, who has finally been invited to say her piece on that community affairs show that airs at 5:30 on Sunday mornings.

Whatever it is, the Manolo recommends that her daughter wear sensible but attractive shoes, because undoubtedly it will be the wild time. Here is the Cole Haan Air Lainey Chain Wedge ($142, Zappos.com) in the nougat-colored suede and the patent leather. Perfect for the sudden celebrity!

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

lookout beauty

wearing of the green

It's not so much what's in your beauty regimen that matters, **but what's not. We're looking at you parabens, phthalates and sodium lauryl sulfate. That's why the following editor-tested cosmetics are made of all-natural ingredients that forgo hard-to-pronounce chemicals for organic botanicals found in nature. And because Earth Day is this Sunday after all, the sale of any of these products benefits such causes as polar bear preservation and water conservation. Meaning you'll not only look out of this world, but you'll also be changing it.** HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS)

Friendly Face

Kiehl's will donate $100,000 of proceeds from its Rare Earth Pore Cleansing Masque ($23, Kiehls.com) to Recycle Across America.

Making Scents

Powder-fresh No. 6 parfum from Hanae Mori ($95, Hanaemoriparfums.com) is made with solar energy and supports Clean Air-Cool Planet.

Hands On

Ten percent of profits from Kiss My Face's hand soap ($9, Kissmyface.com) benefits Seeds of Peace, an org that aids children in high-conflict areas.

Wipe Out Extinction

Josie Maran's biodegradable face wipes ($12, Josiemarancosmetics.com) raise funds for the Polar Bear SOS Initiative.

Body Good

Every penny of LUSH's fair-trade body lotion ($22, Lush.com) goes to charities like Save the Rain, the Wetlands Conservatory and NOLA Green Roots.

All Dolled Up And Nowhere to Go?

Day four of the Water St. Project, an 11-day art and music extravaganza along the Georgetown waterfront, pays homage to Earth Day Sun., 11 a.m.–4 p.m. with a pop-up shop of eco-conscious art and interactive demonstrations on how to live sustainably. Admission is free. Get details at Thewaterstproject.com.

DIY DESIGN

SHIRTS, SHIFTED

Sorry boys, but it's about time girls had the spotlight shone on their neckwear. And though we won't be donning ties fit for a fraternity reunion anytime soon, we're excited to doll up our collars. These easy, DIY tweaks take less than 30 minutes each — and some don't even require sewing. All breathe life into otherwise dull workwear you already own. "If you get bored with something, don't throw it out. Just add a little something to it," says Ginger Root Designs co-founder Kristen Swenson, whose U Street shop stocks femme bowties. "Even if you have an Ann Taylor wardrobe, have fun with different neckwear or collars." And because these styles shift easily from cubicle to corner bar, you'll always be neck and neck with the guys.

HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS)

Haute Hardware

What looks like a relic you picked up as a horse-handler at a Texas dude ranch is really a basic denim snap-down with two decorative brass corners ($6 for four, Logan Hardware, 1416 P St. NW; 202-265-8900) hammered onto the tips.

All the Trimmings

Not all button-up updates need be drastic. A thin trim of monochrome beads ($12 per yard, Mjtrim.com) loop-stiched to the edge of a pink blouse curbs the garment's boldness. The resulting top looks demure paired with a pencil skirt.

Studs, Not Duds

A simple silk shirt gets ready to party when you stitch or glue a gold-colored plastic pyramid trim ($10 per yard, Mjtrim.com) around the entire collar. We imagine your hip fifth-grade teacher wore something similar after hours.

Just Bead It

Not for the faint of art, this style requires some dexterity. Choose beads in the same color (we love red against preppy black gingham) and thread them randomly one by one ($22, Beadazzled, 1507 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-265-2323).

Clip-on Class

Love the look of old clip-on earrings but worried they'll slip off your lobes? Dab glue on the earring-side and tack them, like we did with this pair from Treasury ($17, 1843 14th St. NW; 202-506-6908), to the tips of a fave vintage shirt.

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More Than Just a Cute Face

Disney's documentary 'Chimpanzee' doesn't shield viewers from nature's dark side

Film Review

"Chimpanzee," the follow-up feature to Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield's "Earth," is, like that 2007 Disney-produced documentary, neither straight reportage nor wholly made-up storytelling. Rather, it is a hybrid form of nature film: one part "Wild Kingdom" and one part wacky-talking-animal tale.

Talking animals?

Well, yes, sort of. As narrated by Tim Allen, the chimps at the center of "Chimpanzee" appear to think out loud as they forage for food, groom and play with each other and sleep in the Ivory Coast. Throughout the film, which revolves around the adventures of an adorable baby chimp that the filmmakers have nicknamed Oscar, Allen doesn't just describe the action, but also gives voice to Oscar's innermost thoughts. In essence, the movie anthropomorphizes a wild animal that is already all too often viewed as nothing more than a furry little person.

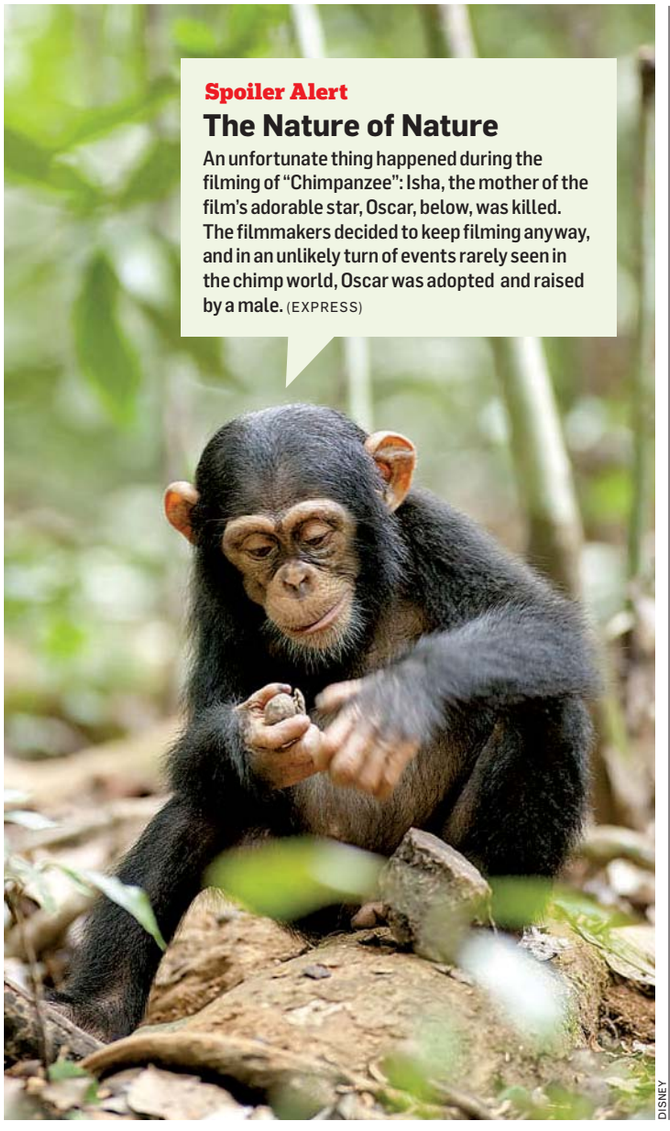
It isn't the worst thing in the world. And the movie's heart is absolutely in the right place. Disney is donating some proceeds to chimpanzee conservation efforts. But one wonders whether more than a few viewers won't want to take home a baby chimp after seeing the film.

Yes, little Oscar is just that cute. The movie follows our hero through such dramatic life changes that you might want to adopt him, too.

Be warned: Although rated G, "Chimpanzee" features scenes of rival chimpanzee packs attacking each other, and of chimpanzees hunting — and, it is suggested, eating — monkeys. Some sequences are, at times, intense and frightening, especially for younger viewers. And what happens to Oscar in the course of the narrative is genuinely, if only momentarily, sad.

As they did with "Earth" — which focused on the struggles of whales, polar bears and elephants — Fothergill and Linfield begin by zeroing in on Oscar and his mother, Isha, shaping their story around them and using Allen's voice-over to keep the mood antic and light.

But nature is messy, and "Chimpanzee" doesn't shrink from that, to its credit. Fothergill and Linfield at least exercise discretion when their cameras capture disturbing turns of event. But in the end they don't sugarcoat the fact that life is hard for a chimpanzee, even one who's starring in his own Hollywood movie. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



DISNEY

Spoiler Alert

The Nature of Nature

An unfortunate thing happened during the filming of "Chimpanzee": Isha, the mother of the film's adorable star, Oscar, below, was killed. The filmmakers decided to keep filming anyway, and in an unlikely turn of events rarely seen in the chimp world, Oscar was adopted and raised by a male. (EXPRESS)

"Chimpanzee" has several scenes of rival chimps, such as the ones above, hunting.

Chimpanzee (G)

- **Directors:** Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield
- **Narrator:** Tim Allen
- **In a Nutshell:** A 3-year-old chimpanzee is separated from his troop and is then adopted by a fully grown male.

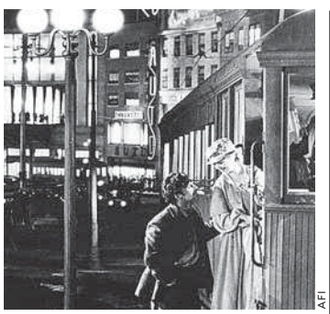
The Reelist

Glorious 'Sunrise'

By Kristen Page-Kirby

It's a good thing I don't work for the AFI Silver in Silver Spring, because I would immediately sign over my entire paycheck so I could see all the movies there (I currently sign my paycheck over to Pret A Manger and the Thai place a few blocks away from the Post's offices.) Whoever programs the theater's schedule is my hero, and I don't ever want to meet him or her for fear that he or she is mean or a bad tipper or otherwise horrible. I'd rather live in ignorance.

This weekend, the AFI Silver is showing "Sunrise," my favorite silent film. It's the story of a cheating husband whose mistress tries to persuade him to kill his wife.



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"Sunrise," which screens at the AFI Silver this weekend, was released in 1927.

I'm really not selling it well here — when I like a film I tend to get very inarticulate and just say "It is so good. No, seriously, it is SO GOOD." But if my sales pitch isn't working for you, then consider this: The 1927 film won an Academy Award for Unique and Artistic Production in 1929. Why did it win the Oscar two years after its release? Because the Academy Awards weren't founded until 1929. The film is so good the Academy went back in time to recognize it.

So I'll just tell you now that the AFI Silver is showing "Sunrise" at 5 p.m. Saturday with live musical accompaniment, and it costs only $13, which means you should have money left over to go to dinner and repeat to your date "It was so good! No, seriously, it was SO GOOD."

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Taylor Schilling, left, and Zac Efron, right, hold each other close in "The Lucky One," an adaptation of a Nicholas Sparks novel.

ALAN MARKFIELD/AP

Sparks Don't Fly

'The Lucky One' can't recapture the magic of 'The Notebook'

Film Review

Can a drama be too restrained? "The Lucky One," adapted from a Nicholas Sparks novel, stars Zac Efron in a sudsy romantic melodrama that in the 1950s would have been directed with lurid overkill by the likes of Douglas Sirk.

If only this tepid, inert enterprise had Sirk's nerve and verve. Instead, director Scott Hicks lavishes good taste and sunsets on a story that — devoid of tension, conflict or combustible chemistry between its two stars — just prettily sits there.

Efron plays Logan Thibault, who as a Marine in Iraq happens upon a photograph of a beautiful blonde and proceeds to see the picture as a talisman that saves his life. When he returns to the United States, he tracks down the girl — who turns out to be a single mother named Beth (Taylor Schilling) — and begins working in the dog kennel she runs with her grandmother, played with vinegary acumen by Blythe Danner.

The Lucky One (PG-13)

- **Director:** Scott Hicks
- **Stars:** Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling
- **In a Nutshell:** After serving three tours in Iraq, a Marine searches for the unknown woman he thinks was his good luck charm during the war.

All great romances hinge on two things: keeping the principals apart and getting them together. When a conclusion is as foregone as the one in "The Lucky One," the first part of the equation becomes nothing but contrivance and ginned-up conflict. Here, the obstacles consist largely of Logan's attempts to tell Beth why he has come to Louisiana, but choking on his words.

Human Dreamsicle Efron has buffed and tattooed himself to the bulked-up extreme for his big dramatic turn in "The Lucky One," but the role of a stoic, expressionless philosopher-soldier requires that he tamp down his natural exuberance and physical grace, a regrettable misuse of his native talents.

Most of "The Lucky One" consists of proving how sensitive Logan is and how put-upon Beth is as she clatters around her grandmother's impeccably distressed cottage and affects Veronica Lake-esque bangs-in-the-eye sultriness.

In 2004, "The Notebook" — from another Sparks novel — became a sleeper hit, catapulting Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling to stardom. "The Lucky One" tries hard to rebottle that lightning, to no avail. Some bolts are best delivered out of the blue.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Also Opening

Marley (PG-13)

Kevin Macdonald's vibrant and captivating new documentary about reggae icon Bob Marley sets out to prove that he is much more than the unofficial saint of marijuana (even if it opens on April 20). It's exhaustive without being exhausting, an eye-opening and all-encompassing portrait that should go a long way to rescuing him from being a marijuana mascot. This is a film to be taken seriously. (TWP)

Think Like a Man (PG-13)

Forget hackneyed cliches about players and dreamers and the scheming women who seek to domesticate them. Focus on the pleasures of watching a group of gifted actors spar and seduce each other with genuine warmth, and "Think Like a Man," based on a book by Steve Harvey, just might go straight to your head. (TWP)

The Thug Life

'Goon' is a showcase for hockey's most aggressive players

Film Review

Seann William Scott's character in "Goon," an infectiously appealing comedy about an ice hockey enforcer, is the anti-Steve Stifler, a sweetly puppylike opposite of the vulgar, sex-obsessed jock Scott made famous in the "American Pie" movies. His performance as Doug Glatt — a polite, slightly dim and almost preternaturally nice bar bouncer who finds himself trading punches in the Canadian minor league — is reason enough to see the film, which otherwise is a by-the-book sports comedy.

Based on the memoir by retired minor-leaguer Doug Smith, "Goon" offers an amiably tolerant — if blood-spattered — portrait of the hockey enforcer. (For nonfans, that's the player whose sole job is to intimidate the opposing team with the threat of violence.)

Seann William Scott plays a not-so-bright minor leaguer in "Goon."

The film opens with a shot of blood — and a tooth — falling on ice. Filmed in slow motion, it's an almost beautiful, if tongue-in-cheek image. And it's played for laughs that it will probably get, unless one thinks about the head injuries that are common to those who play this rough version of the sport.

Other than an offhand remark about head trauma by Eugene Levy, playing Doug's worried father, the film blithely ignores the obvious, and disturbing, dangers of repeated concussions.

If you can manage the mental trick of willful oblivion — as many hockey fans do, cheerfully accepting the fights as a fact of life — you'll probably enjoy "Goon."

Anchoring the film is Scott's performance, which is, to put it plainly, impossible to resist. The hero of "Goon" is just so darn eager to please that it's easy to forgive his flaws. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (TWP)

Goon (R)

- **Director:** Michael Dowse
- **Stars:** Seann William Scott, Eugene Levy
- **In a Nutshell:** Labeled an outcast by his brainy family, a bouncer overcomes long odds to lead a team of under-performing misfits to semi-pro hockey glory, beating the crap out of anyone who stands in his way.

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A Peaceful Man

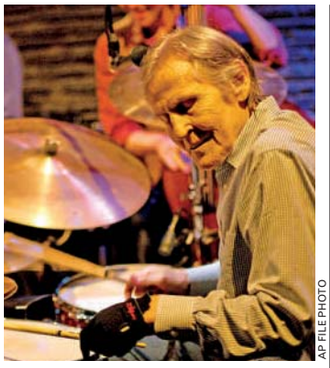
Levon Helm, singer and drummer for The Band, dies at 71

Obituary

With songs like "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down," "The Weight" and "Up on Cripple Creek," The Band fused rock, blues, folk and gospel to create a sound that seemed as authentically American as a Mathew Brady photograph or a Mark Twain short story.

In truth, the group had only one American — Levon Helm.

Helm, the drummer and singer who brought an urgent beat and a genuine Arkansas twang to some of The Band's best-known songs and helped turn a bunch of musicians known mostly as Bob Dylan's backup group into one of rock's most legendary acts, has died. He was 71.



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Levon Helm sang such Band classics as "The Weight" and "Up on Cripple Creek."

Helm, who was found to have throat cancer in 1998, died Thursday afternoon of complications from cancer in New York City.

Helm and his bandmates — Canadians Rick Danko, Garth Hudson, Robbie Robertson and Richard Manuel — were musical virtuosos who returned to the roots of American music in the late 1960s as other rockers veered into psychedelia, heavy metal and jams.

Early on, The Band backed Dylan on his sensational and controversial electric tours of 1965-66 and collaborated with him on the legendary "Basement Tapes."

In some ways, The Band was the closest this country ever came to the camaraderie and achievement of the Beatles. Each of the five members brought special talents that through years of touring, recording and living together blended into a unique sound.

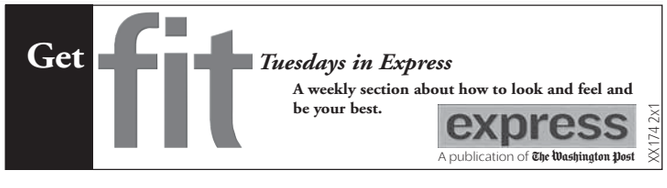
The group had no lead singer, but for many Band admirers, that honor belonged to the short, feisty Helm, whose authoritative twang was once likened to a town crier calling a meeting to order. (AP)

Now Playing

21 JUMP STREET (R, 100 minutes) The lack of originality or creative ingenuity that "21 Jump Street" symbolizes is addressed head-on early in the film, when a surly police captain tells two new recruits that the force has resurrected a defunct program from 30 years ago that sent undercover cops into high schools. The neophytes he's screaming at are Schmidt (Jonah Hill) and Jenko (Channing Tatum), a bumbling nerd and good-looking dullard, respectively, who were arch-opposites in their high school but have become best buds since going through the police academy. Despite the edginess and vulgarity, the production is suffused by an unmistakable sweetness. "21 Jump Street" might be yet another product of Hollywood's recycling program, but it deserves to be noticed. A.H.

AMERICAN REUNION (R, 113 minutes) Like Stifler, "American Reunion" refuses to grow up. The obsession with sex has not changed. The subject of coupling, uncoupling and re-coupling with exes is almost the sole subject of conversation at this reunion. There's precious little comedy mined from the fact that people change. It pushes R-rated movie boundaries: If you've ever wondered what a nude Jason Biggs looks like smooshed up against glass, your prayers will be answered. At times it goes beyond tweaking taboos to the downright inappropriate. A subplot about a neighborhood girl (Ali Cobrin) — she's turning 18 and has the hots for Jim, her former babysitter — borders on the pedophiliac. M.O.

BULLY (PG-13, 94 minutes) These heartbreaking stories of victimization, perseverance and adult cluelessness bring a necessary human face to an experience all too often banished to the realm of statistics or hazy "kids will be kids" denial. Over the course of a school year, filmmakers Lee Hirsch and Cynthia Lowen got to know three kids whose lives were being affected by bullying, including Alex, a 12-year-old who is called "Fish Face" by his peers and seems as isolated by his parents' lack of understanding as he is by the utter incompetence of school



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administrators. In fact, it's the ineptitude of the adults that stands out in starkest relief in "Bully," whose agonizing central stories are bookended with the accounts of two boys who took their own lives after being mercilessly taunted. A.H.

THE CABIN IN THE WOODS (R, 95 minutes) Like its spiritual heirs, "The Cabin in the Woods" comes not only to praise the slasher-, zombie- and gorefests of yore but to critique them, elaborating on their grammatical elements and archetypal figures even while searching for ways to put them to novel use. The opening scenes are when viewers meet the principal players, who hew telegenically to horror-movie conventions. When they all pile into an RV and head for one of their cousin's new place on a rural lake, carnage is sure to ensue; when they encounter a spooky old coot at an abandoned gas station on their way, their tragic fates are all but sealed. As a playful departure from the torture porn that it obliquely lampoons, "The Cabin in the Woods" the film marks a welcome return of cheap thrills and simple bump-in-the-night frights, with some stinging self-critical commentary on the side. A.H.

COMIC-CON EPISODE IV: A FAN'S HOPE (PG-13, 88 minutes) Set during the 2010 Comic-Con International — an annual convention that has grown from a gathering of a hundred or so comic-book fanatics to a pop-culture mecca — "Comic-Con Episode IV: A Fan's Hope" holds enormous appeal for both the geek audience and the casual viewer. For "Comic-Con," documentarian Morgan Spurlock follows a handful of equally passionate participants in the convention. Spurlock's gaze is never mocking, cruel or gratuitously mean. Like the popular media that Comic-Con celebrates — movies, television, video games, etc. — the documentary itself has a little bit of everything: drama, suspense, spectacle, comedy and romance, provided mostly by the stories of its subjects, who are engaging enough to make you actually care about their fates. M.O.

DAMSELS IN DISTRESS (PG-13, 99 minutes) Greta Gerwig stars as Violet, a junior at an East Coast liberal arts college called Seven Oaks, where she and a floral-ly named band of cohorts wage a genteel war against all that is rude, crude, coarse or otherwise aesthetically suspect. When a new girl arrives on campus, Violet and her friends pounce, scooping her up and bringing her along on their campaign to prevent student suicide, stamp out the school newspaper and aid in Violet's ambition to start a national dance craze. It's all very daffy and sweet-natured, as long as you can go along with making a joke of suicide. Still, as the Woody Allen-esque opening credits remind us, there's a fine line between a fantastical comedy of manners and a comedy that's merely mannered. "Damsels in Distress" too often falls into the latter category. A.H.

DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG, 86 minutes) Like "An Inconvenient Truth" for the 12-and-under crowd, "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" is a cautionary environmental tale with a thin veneer of entertainment on top. Based on Seuss' 1971 picture book, this musical adaptation, in eye-popping

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Josh Hutcherson plays Peeta, the male competitor from District 12, in the film version of "The Hunger Games."

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3-D CGI, is undeniably less gloomy than the original. In the hands of co-directors Chris Reynaud and Kyle Balda and co-writers Ken Daurio and Cinco Paul, Seuss' slender though eloquent fable has morphed into something unwieldy and manic. It's simultaneously silly and preachy, with precious little room for fun. "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" is a movie that progressives can feel good about taking their kids to, without actually having a good time. M.O.

THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13, 142 minutes) This adaptation of the hit young adult novel centers on grievous violence and children, who, in author Suzanne Collins' floridly postapocalyptic future, are subjected to an annual ritual wherein they murder one another as part of a nationwide reality show. That perverse dystopia is brought faithfully, if unspectacularly, to life by director Gary Ross. If the series' legions of fans miss a detail here or a subplot there, they'll still recognize its bones and sinew, especially in Jennifer Lawrence's eagle-eyed heroine, Katniss Everdeen. The Hunger Games have been instituted by the elite leaders of a country in order to keep down a restive populace. After randomly plucking a boy and a girl from each of the federation's districts, a shadowy government-entertainment complex subjects them to a kill-or-be-killed group hunt. Lawrence is never less than grounded and believable as a young woman forced by circumstance to assume wisdom far beyond her years. A.H. .

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In "American Reunion," former band camp counselor Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) is now married with a family.

MIRROR MIRROR (PG, 106 minutes) Director Tarsem Singh has shown a gift for fantastical settings, and Snow White's kingdom is no exception. Unfortunately, actress Lily Collins as Snow White offers a pale reflection of her stunning setting. The plot is simple enough for younger Disney princess fans to follow. The fair Snow White is sequestered in her late father's castle by her pathologically vain stepmother, the Evil Queen (Julia Roberts). After sneaking out of the fortress for a visit to the village, Snow has a typical meet-up with Prince Alcott of Valencia in the woods. He has been bound and burgled, and she, having no idea he is a prince, unties him and then blushes furiously. Later, when the prince arrives at the castle looking for sanctuary, the queen goes into cougar mode. But naturally, the prince has eyes only for Snow. Disney's kind and gentle Snow White was charming, could sing and regularly talked to woodland creatures. The same cannot be said of Collins. Most of Snow's interactions with the magnetic prince are tepid, except for one flirty sword fight. SANDIE ANGULO CHEN

THE RAID: REDEMPTION (R, 100 minutes) What do you get when you send a heavily armed SWAT team into the fortresslike compound of a sadistic drug lord? In this Indonesian action-adventure film, it's not what you would expect. After the initial, de rigueur barrage of back-and-forth gunplay that opens the confrontation between the cops and the thugs, you end up with a bunch of adrenaline-infused, bone-crunching hand-to-hand combat. It's not for everybody. But it is undeniably cinematic and even kind of thrilling. You don't watch "The Raid" so much as ingest it. For fans of martial-arts action, it's a sizzling and stylishly served-up order of butt-kicking. M.O.

THE THREE STOOGES (PG, 92 minutes) The imbecilic "Stooges" still manages to pummel you into submission with 92 minutes of relentless stupidity. Even by Stooges standards, it's overly juvenile and totally dumb. The original Stooges, of course, were a vaudeville act whose physical shtick was characterized by aggressive but finely choreographed kicks, punches, snaps and falls. With the Farrelly brothers' (Bobby and Peter) "Stooges," the routine hits a new low. The Farrellys have made funny movies mining smart humor from notoriously idiotic protagonists, but the brothers have been stuck in a rut lately, and "Stooges" isn't going to help pull them out. SEAN O'CONNELL

TITANIC 3D (PG-13, 194 minutes) To contemplate "Titanic 3D" is to engage in a double dose of wistfulness. Not only does it take filmgoers back to a time that seemed to disappear along with the 1,500 people who perished in the disaster, but also to a time when Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet were barely in their 20s. Watching the new version also reveals just how unnecessary such technological gimmicks are when you have a perfectly

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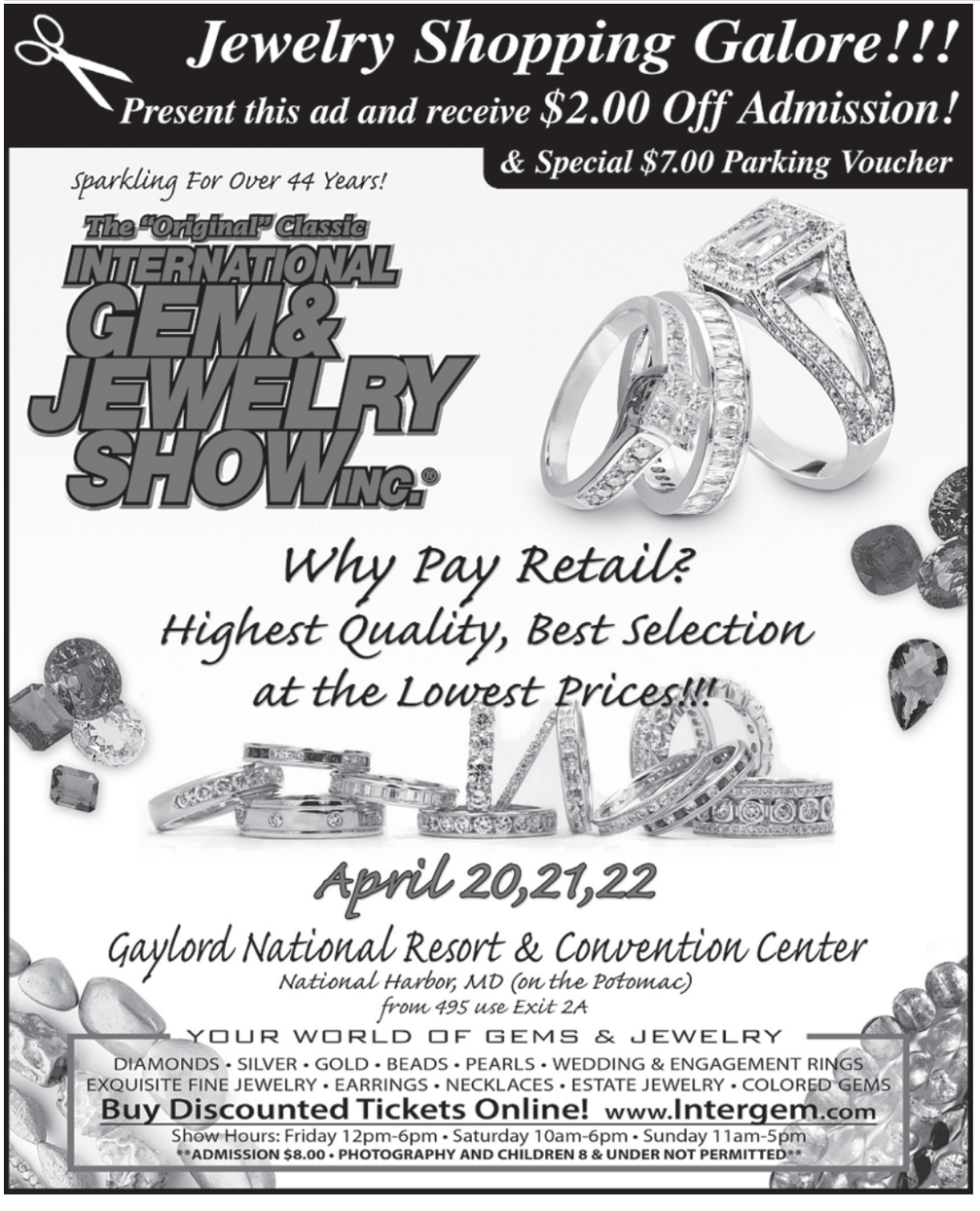
The 2012 version of "The Three Stooges" — Will Sasso, left, Chris Diamantopoulos, center, and Sean Hayes, right — desecrates the name of the original slapstick trio.



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good original. James Cameron has spared no expense or expertise in making sure that his film loses none of the brightness or detail, but that extra depth brings no added value. If anything, 3-D conversion creates distance where there should be intimacy, not to mention odd moments in framing. There's no doubt that "Titanic" is worth rereleasing, for a new generation to discover and for the rest of us to relive the thrills. The backhanded compliment that the gratuitous 3-D conversion delivers is that "Titanic" has had the right dimensions all along. A.H.

WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13, 99 minutes) The only reason you'll feel any wrath is because you shelled out 12 bucks for this steaming bucket of half-baked plot, cliched dialogue and disappointing 3-D special effects. It might be even worse than the original. Who, exactly, was clamoring for a follow-up? As before, Sam Worthington plays Greek hero Perseus, the demigod son of Zeus (Liam Neeson). Zeus is imprisoned by his brother Hades (Ralph Fiennes) in an effort to overthrow the Olympian gods and resurrect Kronos, the dormant leader of the evil Titans. To save Zeus, Perseus goes on a quest to the underworld. At stake is not just his father's life, but the future of the entire world. In an effort to appeal to audiences who might resist anything that smacks of the classics, the dialogue includes anachronisms such as "You gotta be kiddin' me." They got that right. M.O.

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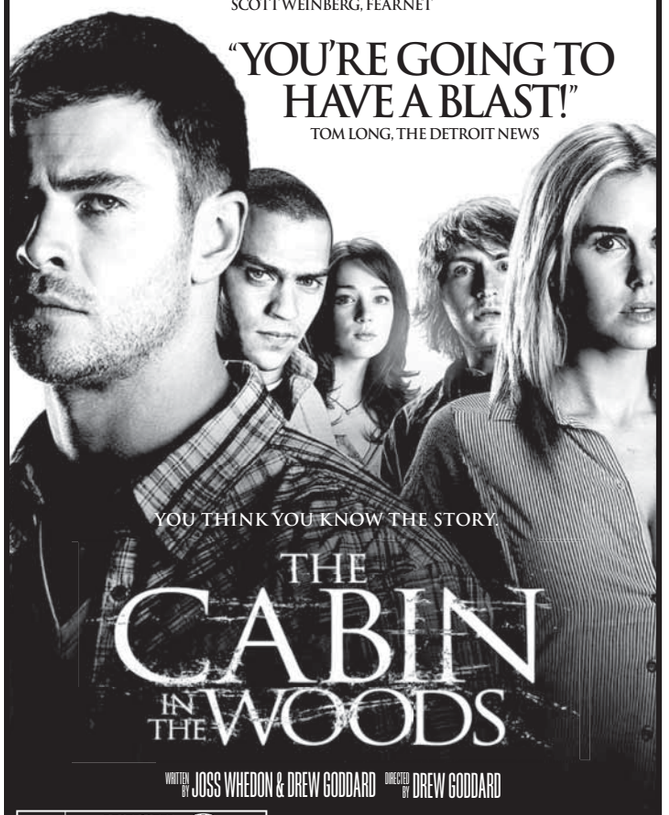

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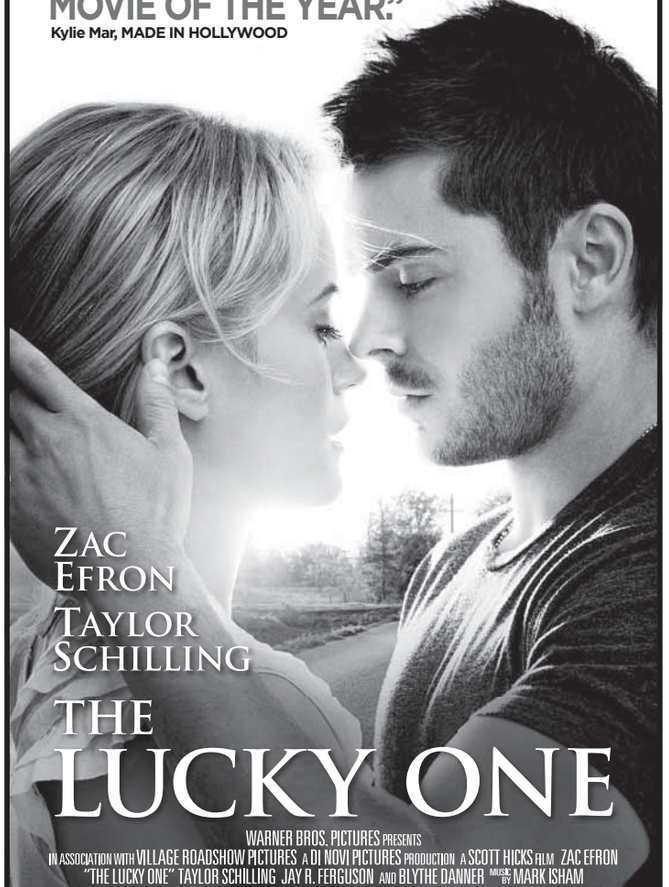

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1 Puppy Love

While occasionally punk music sounds like little animals being murdered, this weekend's dark, loud show at St. Stephens actually benefits Washington Animal Rescue League. Noisegaze band Screen Vinyl Image (featuring Kim Reid, shown) is one of four scheduled to play. It might get loud. ***St. Stephens Church, 1525 Newton St. NW; Sat., 7 p.m., $5; Positiveforcedc.org. (Columbia Heights)***

2 Dance to The Music

Between snowball fights, pillow fights and soccer rallies, Dupont Circle is becoming quite the event space. Saturday will see the first Dance in the Circle festival, a day of dance performances and lessons with a DJ and a parquet floor. We're just worried that the old guys playing chess will rise up and take back their once-peaceful park. ***Dupont Circle; Sat., 3 p.m., free; Danceinthecircle.org. (Dupont Circle)***

3 Urban Jungle

Playwright Yasmina Reza loves exposing the violence and cruelty lurking beneath the surface of chic and placid modern life. "God of Carnage," which was a Broadway success and was adapted into a 2011 film takes four Brooklynites, (including Vanessa Lock, shown) from platitudes to primal rage. ***Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; through June 24, $55-$79; 703-820-9771, Signature-theatre.org.***

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21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: 10:45-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:10
Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:20-12:50-3:30
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 6:15-9:30
Bully (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 9:50-12:20-3:10-5:45-8:30-11:00
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:15-2:30-6:45
Titanic: An IMAX 3D Experience (NR) IMAX 3D: (!) 12:00-4:30-8:50
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 12:15-3:50-7:20-10:50
Lockout (PG-13) (!) 11:45-2:20-5:00-7:45-10:20
Mirror Mirror (PG) 9:55-12:45-3:40-6:30-9:15
Think Like a Man (PG-13) (!) 9:45-1:00-4:15-7:30-10:40
American Reunion (R) 11:15-2:10-5:15-8:15-11:10
The Lucky One (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:30-1:15-4:00-7:00-10:00
The Cabin in the Woods (R) (!) 10:10-12:40-3:20-6:00-8:40-11:15
The Three Stooges (PG) (!) 11:30-2:00-4:45-7:15-9:45

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The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:00-3:30-7:10-10:30

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Chimpanzee (G) Digital Presentation: 2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30-10:30
Lockout (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:00
Think Like a Man (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:20-1:30-4:20-7:30-10:30
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 12:40-3:50-7:00-10:10
Mirror Mirror (PG) 11:40-2:20-4:50
American Reunion (R) 7:20-10:05
The Lucky One (PG-13) 9:50-12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20
The Three Stooges (PG) 12:00-2:15-4:40-7:10-9:40

Avalon
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Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) Held Over. Limited Shows during FFDC!: 12:00-2:30
The Deep Blue Sea (R) Limited shows during FFDC!: 12:30-2:45

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Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) 3:40-8:00
The Kid With a Bike (Le Gamin au Velo) (PG-13) 1:30-5:50-10:10
Damsels in Distress (PG-13) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
The Island President (PG) 2:30-5:00-10:00
Surviving Progress (NR) 1:10-3:20-5:30-7:40-9:50-12:00
The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut) (R) 4:50-9:50
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 2:20-7:20
Marley (PG-13) 1:45-5:00-8:15-11:30
The Big Lebowski (R) 12:00AM
Charade (G) 12:00AM

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
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Think Like a Man (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 11:55AM
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (!) 1:00-5:30-9:30
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 12:30-3:50-6:50-9:55
Lockout (PG-13) 12:15-2:50-5:10-7:30-10:05
Mirror Mirror (PG) 1:30-4:40
American Reunion (R) 11:50-2:35-5:20-8:00-10:40
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) 12:50
Think Like a Man (PG-13) 12:40-3:00-4:00-6:10-7:00-7:50-9:10-10:00-10:45-12:10-12:45
21 Jump Street (R) 11:45-2:25-5:15-7:55-10:35
The Lucky One (PG-13) 12:00-2:30-3:30-5:00-6:30-7:30-9:00-10:10-11:30-12:35
Blue Like Jazz (PG-13) 11:40-2:20-12:20
The Cabin in the Woods (R) 12:20-2:40-5:05-7:20-9:40-12:00
Chimpanzee (G) 12:10-2:10-4:30-6:40-8:40-10:40
The Three Stooges (PG) 12:10-2:35-4:55-7:15-9:35-11:55

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW http://westendcinema.com/

Chico & Rita (NR) English Subtitles: (!) 3:20-7:20
Casa de mi Padre (R) English Subtitles: 5:20-9:20
Goon (R) 3:00-5:00-7:00-9:00
Royal Opera House's Rigoletto ENCORE (NR)
Comic-Con: Episode IV - A Fan's Hope (PG-13) 5:40-9:40
Boy (NR) 3:40-7:40

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Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Silver Babies Show: 12:20
Damsels in Distress (PG-13) NO PASSES;Silver Babies Show: (!) 12:55
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 2:30-7:05-9:20
Pina (PG) 4:50
Damsels in Distress (PG-13) 3:00-5:05-7:10-9:15
Easy Rider (1969) (R) 7:00
Castles in the Sky (NR) 4:30

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The Cabin in the Woods (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:50-2:20-4:45-7:20-9:45
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Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 12:30-4:50-9:15
The Lucky One (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: (!) 11:45-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00

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The Three Stooges (PG) Digital Presentation: 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:25
Mirror Mirror (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:30-4:40-7:15-9:55
The Lucky One (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:10-10:40
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 1:15-4:25-7:35-10:50
Think Like a Man (PG-13) 1:00-4:05-7:00-10:10

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Chimpanzee (G) Digital Presentation: 2:50-5:20-7:40
A Thousand Words (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 2:20-8:00
The Three Stooges (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:45-2:25-5:00-7:50-10:20
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Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:50-5:10-10:30
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The Cabin in the Woods (R) 12:00-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:50

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The Lady (R) 3:00-6:30-9:25
Bully (PG-13) 1:00-3:30-4:30-7:30-8:30-9:45
Footnote (Hearat Shulayim) (PG) 2:05-4:45-7:10-9:50
A Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 1:10-6:45
The Hunter (R) 4:10-9:55
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1:55-4:25-7:00-9:30
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Chimpanzee (G) 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:20-9:35

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Chimpanzee (G) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:50-2:45-5:00-7:10-9:30
The Cabin in the Woods (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:40-3:00-5:15-7:40-10:05
John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 12:30-6:30
John Carter (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 3:30-9:40
Lockout (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:55-10:15
Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:10-3:10-5:25-7:45-9:50
Mirror Mirror (PG) 1:50-4:20-6:45-9:10
The Lucky One (PG-13) (!) 12:00-2:30-4:55-7:30-10:00
The Three Stooges (PG) (!) 12:10-2:20-4:40-7:00-9:20

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Chimpanzee (G) Digital Presentation: 2:40-4:50-7:00-9:10-11:20
The Cabin in the Woods (R) Digital Presentation: 9:55-11:20-12:35-1:50-2:55-4:20-5:30-6:50-8:00-9:25-10:35-12:00
The Three Stooges (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:35-11:55-1:05-2:25-3:35-4:55-6:05-7:30-8:40-10:00-11:10-12:30
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:15-1:55
21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: 10:55-1:45-4:45-7:35-10:25
Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:50-4:10-9:20
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:20-11:40-12:40-1:40-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:20-7:20-8:20-9:40-10:40-11:40
Lockout (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:05-1:35-4:10-6:40-9:05-11:35
Mirror Mirror (PG) Digital Presentation: 9:50-12:25-3:10-5:55
Think Like a Man (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:00-11:00-12:00-1:00-2:00-3:05-4:05-5:05-6:10-7:10-8:10-9:15-10:15-11:15-12:15
American Reunion (R) Digital Presentation: 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:25-10:10
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 12:05-4:15-8:30
The Lucky One (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:15-11:50-1:10-2:30-3:50-5:10-6:55-7:50-9:50-10:30-12:25
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:30-6:45-11:55
The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut) (R) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 4:30-7:05-9:45-12:20
Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 11:35-2:20-5:00-7:40-10:20
Titanic: An IMAX 3D Experience (NR) IMAX 3D: 10:10-2:15-6:30-10:45
Blue Like Jazz (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 8:35-11:25

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Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 9:50

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TV weekend lookout

Best Bets

FRI 9:00

The Ricky Gervais Show (HBO) The animated comedy series based on the record-breaking podcast returns with 13 new episodes. Topics covered in Season 3 include a movie pitch, Karl's ruminations on museum collections and the guys' thoughts on charitable causes.

SAT 11:00

Paul F. Tompkins: Laboring Under Delusions (COM) Comedian Paul F. Tompkins takes viewers on a hilarious tour of his storied career, including his days as an embittered video store employee, a stint as a hat salesman and his VH1 "Best Week Ever" hosting gig.

SUN 9:00

Masterpiece Classic (PBS) This adaptation of "Birdsong," Sebastian Faulk's novel about lovers torn apart by World War I, stars Eddie Redmayne as Stephen Wraysford, whose prewar affair with Isabelle Azaire has an enduring effect on him in the trenches. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

HBO

VEEP

National Disaster

SUN 10:00

Avoid the sporks. That's the cocktail-party warning given to the vice president of the United States on HBO's tart new comedy "Veep," starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus, left. Plastic utensils, warns the VP's chief of staff, "are politicized." Disaster, or at least coast-to-coast embarrassment, lurks near every photo-op for the nation's second-in-charge, Selina Meyer. Not since "Seinfeld" has Louis-Dreyfus been given such a rich comic landscape to play out her winning blend of mortification and ire. (BLOOMBERG NEWS)

Celebrations

Quarter-Life Party

"Fox's 25th Anniversary Special" (Sun., 8 p.m.) celebrates the network's 25-year history. Stars set to appear include David Duchovny, above, and Calista Flockhart along with cast reunions of "In Living Color" and "That '70s Show." Ryan Seacrest hosts. (TM)

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"Until such a day comes, we'll have to do things the old fashioned way: Rub our laptops over every inch of our bodies before departing for social engagements. Just power it down first."

—**MARK WILSON AT FF3300.COM** laments that a cologne prototype recently featured at an art installation — it was designed to smell like a brand-new Apple product — won't be sold in stores.

"It really sounds like a case of two idiots that shouldn't be operating vessels full of living, breathing humans. ... The co-pilot looked over and noticed the captain was 'preoccupied.' His superior claimed he was trying to unlock the phone to turn it off. Which would have been fine, had he, with his 13,000 hours of flying experience, remembered standard operating procedures like activating the landing gear."

—**LESLIE HORN AT GIZMODO.COM** was stunned by the story of a JetStar pilot who had to abort a landing just 392 feet off the ground in Singapore Thursday because he forgot to lower the landing gear on approach while he was on his cellphone.

"To say this duo is off tune is an understatement, but [they] may still provide a measure of entertainment nonetheless."

—**ZAK FRIO AT RYANSEACREST.COM** thinks the YouTube video by Double Take called "Hot Problems" may overtake Rebecca Black's "Friday" as the worst hit on the Internet.

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— **KIMKIRCHER.COM** extols the virtues of high-fives on Thursday, which is celebrated by many as National High-Five Day.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You'll be impressed by someone else's command of the spoken word today — and you can take a leaf out of his or her book, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
A little guesswork early in the morning pays off handsomely later on. A friendly rivalry heats up as you double your competitive efforts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your plans are likely to go awry today after you see what you are really dealing with. You had no idea! It's back to the drawing board.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can give another a good reason for doing the impossible today, and when all is said and done, everyone will realize the value of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to work very hard to keep a certain secret today, especially since the time for telling all will very soon be upon you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You don't want to jump the gun in any way today; your patience is your greatest virtue, and you mustn't let it abandon you now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You and a friend may be at cross-purposes during the first part of the day. You may have to ease up first, to allow some progress to be made.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You may choose to let another score more points than you today — but there is surely a method to your madness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your assessment of an unexpected situation may lead you to a false conclusion. Take a second look, and move a little more slowly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have the ability to bring people together in a positive and productive way; they seek a creative outlet, and you can provide it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Possibilities you are facing today may surprise you, and one in particular has you wondering if you have what it takes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You won't be satisfied with the results you get by just throwing something together today. It will all take some careful effort.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 237

							RACK 1
I1	O1	O1	T1	D2	N1	M3	
							RACK 2
E1	E1	Y4	C3	R1	N1	G2	
							RACK 3
E1	I1	D2	R1	C3	V4	T1	1st Letter Double
							RACK 4
A1	A1	I1	Y4	W4	F4	R1	Triple Word Score

Yesterday's Solution

D2	E1	V4	O1	U1	T1		RACK 1 = 10
E1	N1	L1	I1	V4	E1	N1	RACK 2 = 61
F4	U1	N1	G2	O1	I1	D2	RACK 3 = 62
C3	U1	L1	T1	I1	S1	H4	RACK 4 = 86

PAR SCORE 145-155 TOTAL 219

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

		1	9	4	8			2
				7	6	4	1	
9			3					
				6		2		
3	8			2			5	4
		5		3				
					3			5
	3	2	7	5				
6			2	8	1	3		

Yesterday's Solution

8	5	1	7	4	3	2	6	9
7	3	4	6	9	2	5	1	8
2	6	9	8	1	5	3	4	7
4	1	5	2	6	8	7	9	3
3	8	2	4	7	9	1	5	6
9	7	6	5	3	1	4	8	2
6	2	8	3	5	4	9	7	1
5	9	7	1	2	6	8	3	4
1	4	3	9	8	7	6	2	5

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

73 | 58

Today: Sunshine mixing with some clouds today. Partly cloudy tonight.

78 | 47

Tomorrow: A couple of thunderstorms tomorrow. Rain and drizzle tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
69 | 44	64 | 44	63 | 43

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:24 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:50 p.m.
Moonrise today: 5:47 a.m.
Moonset today: 7:34 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 68
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Normal low: 48
Record low: 22

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Crossword

SO WHICH IS IT?

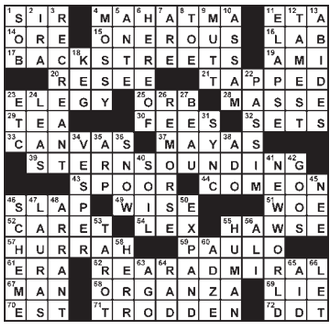
ACROSS

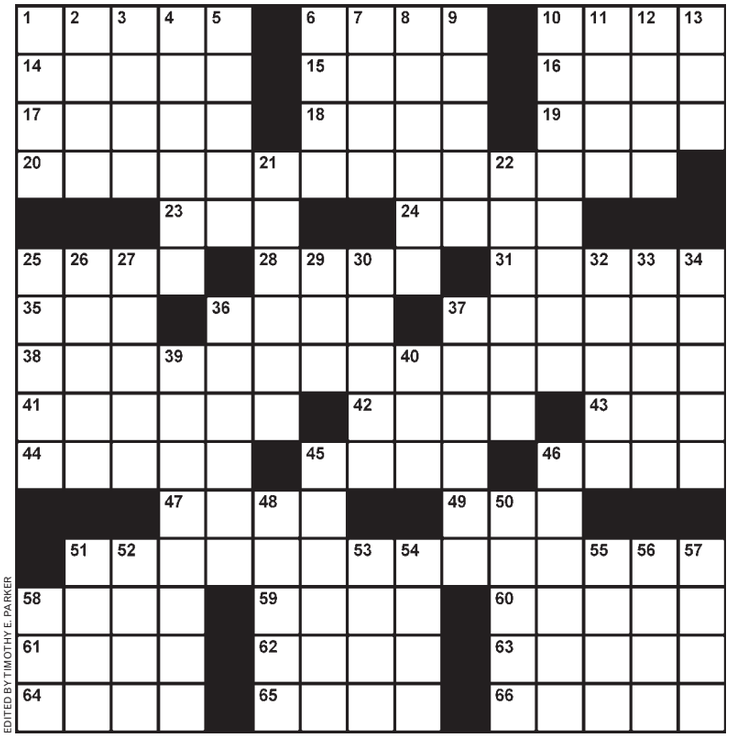
1 Whacks, as a fly
6 Mythical Olympus residents
10 Astronaut's drink
14 Around-the-world trip
15 Butter alternate
16 Dish of many ingredients
17 Catcher in the Rhine?
18 ___, but not least ...
19 Used the restroom
20 With hope of a rare occurrence
23 "The Simpsons" Kwik-E-Mart operator
24 "Arabian Nights" birds
25 Bed support piece
28 "What were ___ thinking?"
31 Lead-in to "fare" (Var.)
35 Sunbather's aim
36 Detach from a source of dependence
37 Skull-and-crossbones stuff
38 Motorcyclist's spot for shelter
41 Hunting document
42 What you pay at sales
43 Thing that begins gradually?
44 Far from bungling
45 More than satisfy
46 School event
47 Slang for old car
49 What it takes to tango
51 Close to China, Japan and Korea
58 Muscle-mag displays
59 Address for the king
60 Angle smaller than 90 degrees
61 "The Gift of the ___"
62 "Camelot" character
63 Site of the Louvre
64 Partners of wherefores
65 Fells a tree, say
66 Engages in violent practices?

DOWN

1 "Nothing to write home about"
2 Brown songbird
3 "This won't hurt ___"
4 Soldier's helmet, in slang
5 Cheap's rhyming opposite
6 Augusta activity
7 Big name in Norwegian royalty
8 Sight from afar
9 Group of Bantu languages
10 Administrative division of a county
11 Oscar winner Guinness
12 "... in the pot, ___ days old"
13 Was infected with
21 Beat in a hot dog competition
22 All the stage is their world
25 Buddhist shrine
26 Striped, as highways
27 Agassi of tennis
29 "Star Wars" pilot Solo
30 ___ Gay (WWII plane)
32 Tributary of the Missouri River
33 Bouquet flowers
34 Beginning stages
36 Author
37 Coin replaced by the euro
39 Stress on a word or phrase
40 Pup's doc
45 Egyptian tourist attraction
46 Boot part
48 Sailing the waves
50 Rolled-up sandwiches
51 Built ancient ark
52 Likely to offend some people
53 U.S.-Canada border lake
54 DEA workers, e.g.
55 Surrounding glow
56 Wield a swizzle stick
57 "Guarding ___" (1994 Shirley MacLaine movie)
58 Big name in luxury autos

Yesterday's Solution





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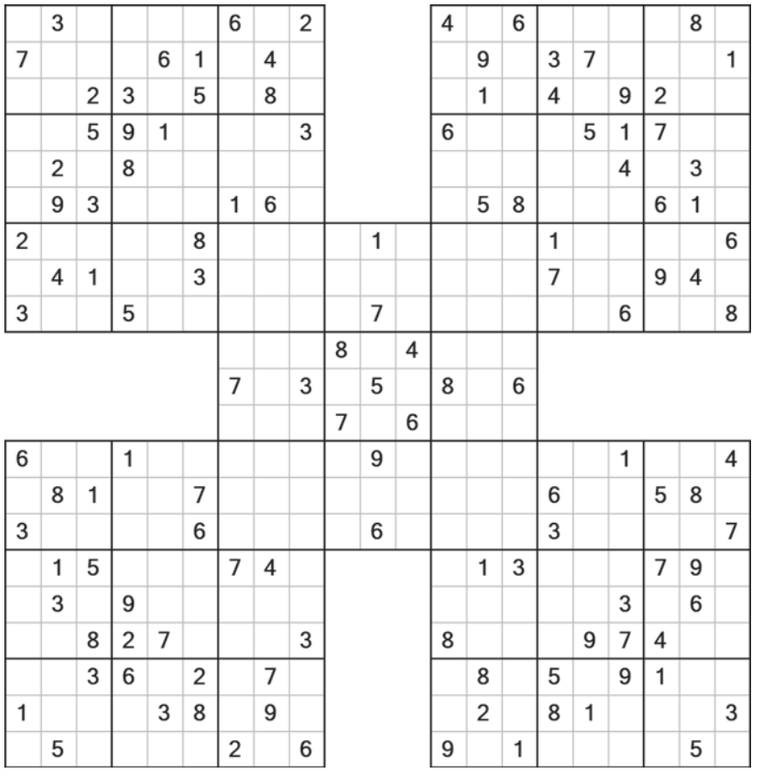
Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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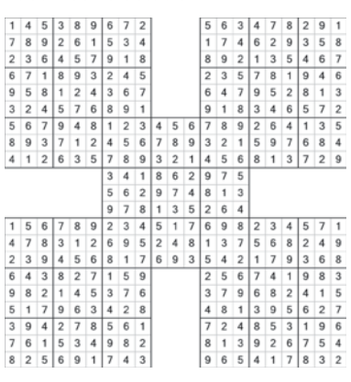

Today in History

1912 Boston's Fenway Park hosts its first professional baseball game and Navin Field (Tiger Stadium) opens in Detroit. (The Red Sox defeated the New York Highlanders 7-6 in 11 innings.)

1999 The Columbine High massacre takes place in Colorado as two students kill 12 others and one teacher before taking their own lives.

2010 The Deepwater Horizon oil platform, leased by BP, explodes, killing 11 workers. The resulting oil leak would go on to spew an estimated 200 million gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico.

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REMARKS

Woman to LiLo: 'Dina, Are You Two Back Together?'

Lindsay Lohan got a drink thrown in her face at the same club at which a woman says Lohan pushed her two weeks ago, TMZ.com reported. Lindsay and her father were at the club, Smoke and Mirrors, on Wednesday. A woman made a snide comment to Lindsay, who yelled at her. The woman threw the drink. The Lohans left. (EXPRESS)

UNCOMFORTABLE

It Feels So Wrong When TV Stars Date Movie Stars

An unnamed "insider" tells Us Weekly that Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds are looking for homes together in Connecticut. According to the source, the pair, who've been dating for six months, also went shopping for antiques in New Canaan, Conn. "They love getting out of the city and appreciate a slower pace," said another source. (EXPRESS)

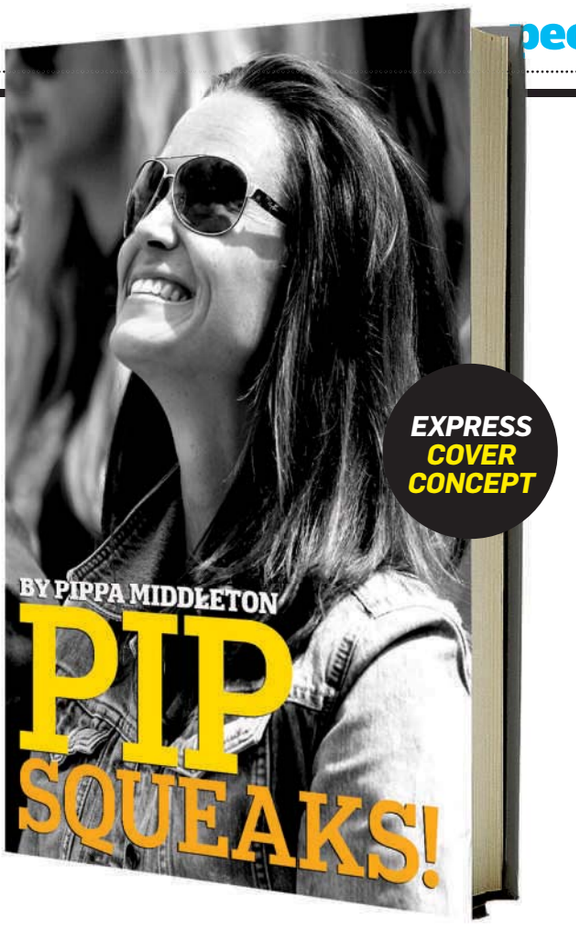
GETTY IMAGES

Ryan was mortified. He hated it when Blake caught flies with her mouth.

You've Got Mel

If Taping Celebrity Rants Isn't Legal, It Really Should Be

Mel Gibson's legal team is looking carefully at Costa Rican law to determine whether it was legal to record Gibson in his home, TMZ.com reported. Joe Eszterhas, the screenwriter feuding with Gibson, released a tape of a misogynistic, obscenity-laden rant that Eszterhas' son recorded while the family vacationed with Gibson at his house in Costa Rica. (EXPRESS)



ROYAL HOTTIES

Kate Wasn't Enough

Pippa Middleton's party-planning book, "Celebrate," will come out in October, according to her British publisher. USA Today reported that Pippa was paid $600,000 for the book, and that Oprah Winfrey and Barbara Walters are fighting over who'll get her on a show first. The announcement comes amid much fuss over an incident this past weekend in which one of Middleton's friends waved a toy gun at paparazzi. (EXPRESS)

CONFUSION

'What Am I Supposed To Do? Set an Example?'

Madonna told "Rock Center With Brian Williams" that she was sad to see photos of daughter Lourdes Leon, 15, smoking. "Honestly, I don't think I'm as tough as I should be," she said. "I think I need to be maybe tougher. It's hard — every day is a negotiation. But cigarette smoking I'm not very fond of — for anyone." Madonna has four children. (EXPRESS)

"Having a beer is no bad thing, in the movie it just happens to be Heineken."

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